

LICENSING PANEL**6 OCTOBER 2017**

REPORT TITLE	HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR DELIVERY

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license the following vehicle, namely a Peugeot E7, registration number SB06 NUO, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That members consider whether or not to license the vehicle registration number SB06 NUO as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is the delegated authority of this Panel to determine applications for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences where the vehicle cannot comply with the current criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The current criteria that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle must comply with before being granted a licence is as follows:

- (i) that every vehicle must comply with the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence conditions;
- (ii) that every vehicle must be purpose built and built to accommodate wheelchair disabled passengers;
- (iii) that every vehicle must be properly tested and roadworthy to a standard approved by the Council's vehicle inspectors, such testing to include the structural integrity;
- (iv) that all vehicles licensed must be properly insured and that proof of such insurance be shown to the Council either upon application or before issue of licence;
- (v) that every vehicle must be three years old or less from the date of first registration or date of manufacture (whichever is the earlier).

- 3.2 The proprietor of the vehicle Mr Douglas has applied for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

- 3.3 Mr Douglas has been the proprietor of a licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicle, an LTI TXII, which is over 13 years old. Mr Douglas presented the vehicle for compliance test at one of the Council's authorised testing stations. The testing station refused to test the vehicle due to its poor condition, in particular relating to severe rust. Mr Douglas did not consider it economically viable to repair the vehicle to a standard required to enable it to pass the compliance test. The licence for this vehicle expired on 30 September 2017.

- 3.4 Mr Douglas has invested in a replacement vehicle which he considers to be in very good condition due to its service record and low mileage. The vehicle, a Peugeot E7, registration number SB06 NUO, is 11 years old.

3.5 The vehicle has been tested at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates will be available at the meeting.

3.6 Members are asked to consider the application and determine if there is good reason to act outside of the current policy and license the vehicle, registration number SB06 NUO, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

Vehicle Licence application form

MOT certificate

Compliance pass certificate

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date