

**LICENSING PANEL****8 JUNE 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>APPLICATION TO APPROVE A KPM AUTOMOTIVE MERCEDES VITO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to approve a KPM Automotive Mercedes Vito, registration number GM62 CAB, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That Members consider whether to approve the KPM Automotive Mercedes Vito, registration number GM62 CAB, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to approve vehicles that can be licensed as 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 for licensing a Hackney Carriage Vehicle requires that the vehicle is purpose built as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. Since 2006 a number of vehicles have been presented to the Council that have been the subject of a conversion from a factory built vehicle that can be used for any purpose to a vehicle to be used as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. Each applicant has submitted that such vehicles that have been converted are purpose built as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
- 3.2 A number of vehicles converted by Allied Vehicles and sold under the brand name Cab Direct have been approved by the Council to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
- 3.3 On 26 February 2016 Members of the Licensing Panel approved the Cab Direct conversion of a Mercedes Vito to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, as it complied with the Council's criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles, including being purpose built.
- 3.4 An application has been received from Mr M Keaton to license a Mercedes Vito which has been converted to undertake work as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, however this work has not been undertaken by Allied Vehicles (Cab Direct). The vehicle has been purchased from KPM Automotive who are a taxi sales company based in London. The company is not involved in vehicle conversions.
- 3.5 The vehicle has European Whole Vehicle Type Approval to M1 requirements. Mr Keaton will provide type approval documentation at the meeting.
- 3.6 The vehicle has been tested at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be available at the meeting. It has been noted that whilst the vehicle has passed the Compliance test there are aspects of the vehicle that do not match the Mercedes Vito as converted by Allied Vehicles, namely: there is no "door open" light on the rear of the vehicle. It has also been noted that the step of the vehicle is broken. The applicant has advised that should the vehicle be approved for licensing the necessary works will be undertaken.
- 3.7 The vehicle will be available for inspection at the meeting.

#### **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 legal challenge.

#### **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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#### **APPENDICES**

##### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

MOT certificate  
Certificate of Compliance