

LICENSING PANEL**29 AUGUST 2018**

REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to license the following vehicles as private hire vehicles outside the Council's Policy in respect of vehicles undertaking work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments:

Iveco Daily, registration number LT52 PYD

Iveco Daily, registration number LT52 PYG

Iveco Daily, registration number LT52 PXY

Iveco Daily, registration number LT52 PXZ

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Licensing Panel considers whether or not to license the vehicles outside the Council's Policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for private hire vehicle licences where the vehicle does not comply with the Council's criteria and conditions.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 18 July 2018 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved revised criteria and conditions in respect of vehicles undertaking work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments. The criteria states that:
- Vehicles must be under 10 years of age from the date of manufacture or date of first registration, whichever is the earliest.
 - Once a vehicle reaches 6 years of age it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
 - Any vehicle which is more than 9 years and 6 months old will be issued with a licence that will expire on the day before it reaches 10 years old
- 3.2 Prior to 18 July 2018 there was no age limit for vehicles undertaking school contract work.
- 3.3 Mr Michael Williams, trading as MW Transport, has a number of contracts issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments.
- 3.4 In preparation for the new school year in September Mr Williams purchased four vehicles prior to 18 July 2018. These vehicles are all over ten years old.
- 3.5 Mr Williams has applied to license the four vehicles and is requesting Members consider granting licences outside the current Policy as the vehicles were purchased before 18 July 2018.
- 3.6 The Licensing Panel considered these applications at their meeting on 10 August 2018. Members resolved that vehicle registration number LT52 PXY must undertake the repairs shown as advisories on the MOT pass certificate and then undergo a further MOT test. In addition Members resolved that all four vehicles must undergo a further compliance test which will be observed by a Licensing Enforcement Officer.

3.6 The vehicles have been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and results of the tests will be reported to Members at the meeting.

3.8 The vehicles 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 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 safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date