

REGULATORY PANEL**29 JANUARY 2021**

REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION TO LICENSE AN MERCEDES VITO AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an application to license the following vehicle, namely a Mercedes Vito, registration number LC11 MSY, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That members consider whether or not to license the vehicle registration number LC11 MSY 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 That consideration of the matter be delegated to officers.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The current criteria that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle must comply with before being granted a licence includes the following:
- (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 applicant, Mr Riley, was the proprietor of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, namely a Peugeot E7 registration number SF09 AVM, until 10 May 2020 when the licence expired. Mr Riley was unable to renew the licence as he was shielding due to the current pandemic in line with Government advice.
- 3.3 Mr Riley has purchased a new vehicle and has applied for the grant of a new licence. The date of first registration of the vehicle is 25 November 2011. The vehicle is newer than the vehicle that was previously licensed.
- 3.4 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 LC11 MSY as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.
- 3.5 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates will be available at the meeting.
- 3.6 Photographs of 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 district council may require any Hackney Carriage licensed by them under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 to be of such design or appearance or bear any such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a Hackney Carriage.

5.2 A district council may attach to the grant of licence of a Hackney Carriage such conditions as the district council consider reasonably necessary.

5.3 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 safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of hackney carriage vehicles.

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.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Diesel-fuelled vehicles are major sources of harmful pollutants, such as ground-level ozone and particulate matter, often in the form of black smoke, along with a number of other chemical compounds such as volatile organic compounds, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, and various oxides of nitrogen.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

MOT certificate

Compliance pass certificate

Photographs of the vehicle