

REGULATORY PANEL**16 APRIL 2021**

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| REPORT TITLE | PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION |
| REPORT OF | DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE |

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to re-license a Citroen Xsara Picasso, registration number LG10 LUP, beyond the normal over-age date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Panel considers whether or not to license the vehicle for six months.

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 is over ten years old.

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 vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence includes the following:

1. Vehicles must be under 10 years of age from the date of manufacture or date of first registration, whichever is the earliest.
2. 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.
3. 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 The proprietor of the vehicle, Mr Georgekutty, has applied to license the vehicle for six months.

3.3 The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 7 December 2018 and the licence expired on 24 March 2021.

3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 24 March 2010.

3.5 On expiry of previous licences on 24 March 2020 and 24 September 2020 applications to grant a six month licence were considered under delegated authority and the applications were granted.

3.6 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates will be provided ahead of the meeting.

3.7 Photographs of the vehicle will be provided in advance of the meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 48 provides that a district council shall not grant a licence unless it is satisfied that the vehicle is:

- Suitable in type, size and design for use as a Private Hire Vehicle

- Not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage
- In a suitable mechanical condition
- Safe and
- Comfortable
- That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance

5.2 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. The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and has passed the MOT and Compliance tests.

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 Private Hire Vehicles contribute to harmful emissions including particulate matter, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide which can be harmful to health.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

MOT certificate

Compliance pass certificate

Photographs of the vehicle