

REGULATORY PANEL**9 JULY 2021**

REPORT TITLE	APPLICATION TO LICENSE A PEUGEOT E7 AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE
REPORT OF	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider an application to license the following vehicle, namely a Peugeot E7, registration number SF60 HKY, as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Panel is asked to consider whether or not to license the vehicle registration number SF60 HKY, 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 On 22 May 2013 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee resolved that:

In circumstances when a Hackney Carriage Vehicle proprietor wishes to change a Hackney Carriage Vehicle that is currently licensed to a different vehicle, the replacement vehicle must be the same age or less than the vehicle that is currently licensed up to a maximum of ten years old. Vehicles that are ten years old or more must be replaced by a vehicle that is no more than ten years old and that this Policy is to have immediate effect.

The Licensing Panel be delegated with the authority to act outside this policy.

- 3.3 In accordance with the resolution in paragraph 3.2 the Panel is asked to consider an application submitted by Mr Owen to change the vehicle that is currently licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle, registration number DG53 AFJ which is 17 years old, to the vehicle registration number SF60 HKY which is 10½ years old.
- 3.4 The current vehicle is licensed until 21 July 2021.

- 3.5 On 27 June 2021 the vehicle that is currently licensed suffered an electrical fire which has caused excessive damage to the vehicle. Mr Owen has subsequently purchased the Peugeot E7, registration number SF60 HKY as a replacement vehicle.
- 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 SF60 HKY as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.
- 3.7 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates will be available in advance of the meeting.
- 3.8 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