

**REGULATORY PANEL****11 FEBRUARY 2022**

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is for the Regulatory Panel to consider an application to license a Mazda 6, registration number XJZ 3928, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether or not to license the Mazda 6, registration number XJZ 3928, as a Private Hire Vehicle outside the current criteria which states that side and rear windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through.

## **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 Private Hire Vehicles.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 That the application to license the Peugeot 508, registration number DG17 FSN, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles in that the side and rear windows do not let at least 70% of light through.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In September 2017 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

- 3.2 Paragraph 36 of the criteria states that:

The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and all other windows must let at least 70% of light through.

- 3.3 The date of first registration of the vehicle is 5 June 2015 and it is therefore four years old.
- 3.4 The applicant, Mr Mustafa, works for Argyle Satellite.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations if the Panel determine that it may be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle.
- 3.6 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 Section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 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 will be examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and must pass the MOT and Compliance tests before being issued a licence.

## **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.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising directly from the content of this report.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Private Hire Vehicle Criteria  
Private Hire Vehicle Licence application

## **APPENDICES**

None

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>