

REGULATORY PANEL**12 AUGUST 2022**

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 license a Renault Trafic, registration number LX61 DGE, outside of the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Regulatory Panel consider whether to license the Renault Trafic, registration number LX61 DGE, as a Private Hire Vehicle for a period of 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 the application to license the Renault Trafic, registration number LX61 DGE, be refused as the vehicle does not comply with the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, in that it is more than 10 years old from the date of manufacture or the date of first registration whichever is the earlier.

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, A Team Wirral Ltd, has made a request to license the vehicle for six months.
- 3.3 The vehicle has been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 29 August 2019 and the current licence is due to expire on 21 August 2022.
- 3.4 The date of first registration of this vehicle is 22 December 2010.
- 3.5 On 29 January 2021, 9 July 2021, and 11 February 2022 applications to grant a six month licence were considered by the Regulatory Panel and the applications were granted.
- 3.6 If a licence is granted the vehicle will be used to undertake work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Council to transport children to and from educational establishments.
- 3.7 The vehicle has been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates will be provided 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 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 as the Panel must be satisfied that the vehicle is safe to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle. 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 The vehicle is wheelchair accessible and is used to transport children to and from educational establishments.

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 Licence Application Form
MOT Certificate
Compliance Test Certificate

APPENDICES

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Regulatory Panel	29 January 2021
Regulatory Panel	9 July 2021
Regulatory Panel	11 February 2022