

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	15th October 2013



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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION TO DISPLAY A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE PLATE	REGENERATION, LEISURE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES	ANDREW SMITH	4

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

A report on an application to apply an exemption to display a private hire vehicle licence plate on a private hire vehicle.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to determine whether to apply an exemption to the requirement to display a private hire vehicle licence plate on the exterior of a vehicle.

DETAILS AND REASONING

An application for an exemption to display a private hire vehicle plate has been received from Mr Ian House of 172 Chapel Lane, New Longton, Preston PR4 4AE (Date of Birth: 28/01/1944), relating to a Black Chrysler Grand Voyager, registration D14 MRH (originally PF10 JHO), first registered on 30th June 2010.

Mr House intends to use the vehicle mainly for executive account work with his own firm Ian House Limited, and Members may wish to take into consideration whether any specific contracts of work are dependent upon the use of the vehicle.

The vehicle is currently licensed as PHV006; granted 30th August 2013. Mr House has been asked to make the vehicle available for the Committee's inspection to ensure that it is given full consideration in determining its suitability.

Section 45(5) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires the Council to issue a licence plate, and the exhibition of the plate is dealt with by a condition attached to the vehicle licence.

Under Section 75(3) the Council can waive the requirement to display the vehicle plate and the driver's badge, by issuing a notice which can be carried effectively in lieu of the plate being displayed. This is common in relation to vehicles used for chauffeur driven/executive hire as opposed to regular private hire bookings. The Council has formally considered such requests before and, in appropriate circumstances, has given approval where it was felt that either the vehicle and/or type of use warranted a notice under Section 75(3).

For reference, Mr House holds Private Hire Driver's Licence PHD406, Private Hire Operator's Licence PHO061 (Ian House Limited) and Private Hire Vehicle Licence PHV195 (V14 MRH – Silver Mercedes Viano).

Committee will please consider the application in light of the above.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None
LEGAL	Under the provisions of sections 47 and 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a Council can specify the type, and/or age of vehicles that can be licensed as hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. Under the provisions of section 75 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a Council has the right to waive the requirement for a private hire vehicle licence to display the external vehicle licence plate. Any party at the hearing has a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.
RISK	None
THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None
OTHER (see below)	

<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None