

Subject: Private Hire Vehicle

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 10 September 2018

Report by: Licensing and Elections Manager

## **SUBJECT MATTER AND DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**Licensing Committee Members are asked to consider a request which has been received from a plate holders asking permission for his vehicle to remain on his private hire plate when his licence is renewed in September. The vehicle will be over 9 years old at this time.**

**And to make a decision :**

- **To allow the request on the basis that the present policy remains unchanged and that any further requests continue to be considered on their merits**
- **To refuse the request**

## **1. Policy Context**

1.1 Extracts from the current policy for licensing Private Hire vehicles state:

- The general policy is not to accept vehicles exceeding nine years of age on initial registration, or on subsequent renewals. In the case of purpose built vehicles, the age limit shall be nine years on initial registration, or ten years with wheelchair access, with no renewal limit providing the Council's licensing conditions continue to be complied with (The age of the vehicle to be taken from the vehicle registration document)

## **2. Current situation**

2.1. A plate holder has a private hire vehicle licence that is due for renewal by the end of September. The vehicle at this time will be over 9 years old, which is contrary to existing policy.

2.2 The applicant is requesting members consider an exception to the policy on this occasion due to the exceptional condition of his vehicle

2.3 All licensed vehicles are subject to a vehicle inspection to MOT standard when first licensed and upon renewal. Vehicles over the age

of 5 years are also subject to an interim test, every 6 months, to ensure they continue to meet the requirements.

2.4The vehicle is a Volkswagen Passat which has been licensed since 2006. The vehicle is kept fully maintained by a main dealer and kept clean, in good condition and continues to pass the Council's six monthly licensing requirements. Photos of the exterior and interior of the vehicle are attached.

### Options for Members

- To allow the request on the basis that the present policy remains unchanged and that any further requests continue to be considered on their merits.
- To refuse the request.

Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered?	Issues	
	Legal	√
	Financial	x
	Risk	Members can depart from policy if they are satisfied there are sufficient reasons for doing so which much be recorded.
	Sustainability	x
	Equality	x
	Crime and Disorder	x
	Human Rights	√
	Every Child Matters	x



**THIS VEHICLE MUST BE  
PRE BOOKED**





















