

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING DEVIATION BY VERA WATKINS FROM VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITION NUMBER 3.1

REPORT BY: Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards

Purpose

1. The report introduces an application made by Mrs Watkins to deviate from the standard condition number 3.1 'For existing Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicle licences, the vehicle shall be replaced upon reaching eight years of age or fifteen for disabled access vehicles'.

Legal Background

2. Under the terms of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 local authorities may make reasonable conditions for the regulation of both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.
3. The standard licence conditions were approved at Regulatory Committee on the 18th December 2007.

Issues

4. Mrs Watkins' vehicle a Ford Transit Minibus was first registered on 4th May 2000.
5. Mrs Watkins has made application to renew the vehicle plate for a further year. (Appendix 1)
6. The mini bus will be 8 years old on 4th May 2008 and therefore will not comply with the standard conditions.
7. In light of this the licence has not been issued, instead referred to this Regulatory Committee for consideration and determination whether he is s fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Options

It is for the Regulatory Committee to decide whether the vehicle licence: -

- **Can be granted outside of the standard conditions and or policy.**
- **Cannot be granted and the licence be refused.**
- **Deferred in order to get more information.**
- **or reach some other decision.**

Appendix 1 – standard vehicle licence conditions

Appendix 2 – copy of application form