APPLICATIONS TO GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE OUTSIDE STANDARD CONDITION 4.1c BY VICTOR TIMOTIN

REPORT BY: Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards

Purpose

- 1. The report introduces an applications made by Mr Victor Timotin to deviate from the standard condition number 4.1c. This condition states: -
 - 4.0 Vehicle Specification
 - 4.1 The Vehicle to be licensed shall be a right hand saloon motor car, hatchback or an estate car or a purpose built licensed vehicle, of any colour, which according to the manufacturers specifications has:
 - c) An engine rating of not less than 1600cc unless written authorisation is received from the Licensing Authority.

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.
- The standard licence conditions were approved at Regulatory Committee on the 18th December 2007.

Issues

- 4. The application by Mr Timotin is to licence new Toyota Prius vehicle on a private hire vehicle plate.
- 5. The vehicle is a Hybrid and runs up to a certain speed on the electric engine before the petrol engine takes over.
- The vehicle is fitted with a 1500 cc petrol engine and also a 1000 cc Electric Engine.
- 7. As the vehicle only has a 1500 cc engine it falls outside the standard conditions.
- 8. It complies in respect of all other conditions.

Matter for Committee

9. In light of this the licence has not been granted but instead referred to this Regulatory Committee for consideration and determination whether the plate should be issued.

Options

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

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

Appendix 1 – standard vehicle licence conditions

Appendix 2 – copy of application forms