

**REPORT:** Regulatory Committee  
**DATE:** 23 September 2008  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive  
**SUBJECT:** Taxi licensing matter  
**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

John Minogue of The Homestead Cronton Widnes does not hold a Single Status Drivers Licence in Halton but has held Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence No 314. Mr Minogue failed to complete the renewal of the vehicle licence before the expiry of the licence and has asked that the committee allow him to complete the renewal application.

## **2. RECOMMENDED**

**That the Committee considers whether the vehicle licence can be reissued to Mr Minogue .**

## **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1** On 15 May 2008 Mr Minogue submitted an application to renew Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Number 314 a Skoda Octavia which was due to expire on 4 June 2008.
- 3.2** On 10 June 2008 a letter was sent to Mr Minogue by the Licensing Section advising him that as he had not completed the renewal application by the expiry date he had lost the entitlement to the Licence.
- 3.3** Mr Minogue had failed to provide the System Operator Form, Certificate of Insurance, Certificate of Compliance and the Vehicle Consent Form these documents are still outstanding.
- 3.4** Following this letter and a letter dated 11 June 2008 sent to Mr Minogue by John Findlow (Enforcement Officer), Mr Minogue met with John Findlow on 16 June 2008 to explain the reasons why the renewal application had not been completed before the expiry. Mr Minogue explained that the vehicle had been booked in for test on 28 May 2008 however he had been in Cyprus prior to this date and whilst on holiday fell ill and returned home still unwell. This illness together with a serious

illness in Mr Minogues family resulted in him completely overlooking the test appointment.

- 3.5** On realising the error Mr Minogue applied for and received a further test date for 11 June 2008 and immediately took the taxi off the road pending the new test date. However as Mr Minogue was informed that he had lost the entitlement to the licence he cancelled the vehicle test.
- 3.6** Mr Minogue has asked to come before the Regulatory Committee to request that he be allowed to complete a late renewal application.

#### **4 COMMENTS**

- 4.1** As there is a restriction on the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences in Halton (currently 267) when a Hackney Carriage vehicle licence expires it is deemed to no longer exist and cannot be renewed. However it may at the discretion of the Councils Regulatory Committee be reissued.

#### **5 OPTIONS**

- 5.1** The options available to the Committee are:
- Agree to re-issue the vehicle licence to Mr Minogue
  - Refuse to re-issue the vehicle licence to Mr Minogue.

#### **6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **7 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **8 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES**

- 8.1 Children and Young People in Halton**  
None
- 8.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton**  
N/A
- 8.3 A healthy Halton**  
N/A
- 8.4 A Safer Halton**  
None
- 8.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**  
N/A

#### **9 RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

**10 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

N/A

**11 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Application Documents	Legal Services	John Tully/Kay Cleary