

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

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Lee Nolan c/o 4 Clover Court Runcorn is the holder of Single Status Drivers Licence No 904 which is due to expire on 6 November 2009. In addition Mr Nolan held Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence No 102 which expired on 5 June 2008. Mr Nolan failed to renew the vehicle licence and has requested that the licence be reissued to him.

## **2. RECOMMENDED**

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

## **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1** On or about April 2007 application forms were sent to Mr Nolan at c/o 3 Clover Court Runcorn (changed to c/o 4 Clover Court Runcorn on 15 July 2008) to enable him to renew his Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.
- 3.2** On 22 May 2008 Mr Nolan advised the Licensing Section that his vehicle was booked in for test on 5 June 2008 but that he was returning the vehicle and would be obtaining a new vehicle.
- 3.3** Mr Nolan failed to submit an application to either renew or transfer the vehicle licence to another vehicle by 5 June 2008.
- 3.4** A letter dated 1 July 2008 was sent to Mr Nolan by the Licensing Section to advise that as he had not renewed the licence he had lost the entitlement to the vehicle licence.
- 3.5** On 15 July 2008 the Licensing Section received an application to transfer the vehicle licence from Mr Nolan to another licensed driver. Both Mr Nolan and the other driver were notified that the licence could

not be transferred because it expired on 5 June 2008 and therefore did not exist.

- 3.6** Mr Nolan is appealing to the Committee to allow the vehicle licence to be reissued to him.

#### **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:
- Re issue to vehicle licence to Mr Nolan
  - Refuse to reissue the vehicle licence to Mr Nolan.

#### **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**

**Document****Place of Inspection****Contact Officer**

Application  
Documents

Legal Services

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