

REPORT: Regulatory Committee
DATE: 24 November 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Taxi licensing matter
WARDS: Borough-wide
Feasible

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Lee Nolan c/o 6 Wharfedale Greenhouse Farm 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 prior to its expiry. A subsequent application to renew the licence was turned down by the Committee. The current application is for the grant of a new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

2. RECOMMENDED: That the Committee considers whether a vehicle licence can be granted to Mr Nolan.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1** Mr Nolan appealed to the Regulatory Committee on 23 September 2008 for the reissue of HCV Licence No 102. The decision made on that application is available at Council Minute Number 9
- 3.2** On 20 October 2008 the Council received an application from Mr Nolan requesting the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

4 COMMENTS

- 4.1** The Council restricts the number of hackney carriage vehicles in the Borough. The current restriction limits the number of vehicles to 267.
- 4.2** Due to a number of reasons there are at present less than 267 current hackney carriage vehicles licences. In the past the Council has raffled any "spare" plates in order to ensure that 267 vehicles are in use for most of the time.
- 4.3** The decision to issue new hackney carriage vehicle licences is a matter for the Committee to determine.
- 4.4** However, where an applicant makes an application when "spare" plates are available the discretion of the Committee is extremely limited. There is an obligation to grant the application subject only to the application being in order (by being compliant with the Council's conditions).

4.5 The Committee will be advised whether the application is fully compliant at the meeting.

5 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The options available to the Committee are (subject to paragraph 4.5 above):
- Grant a vehicle licence to Mr Nolan
 - Refuse to grant a 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	John Tully/Kay Cleary