

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report to Licensing Sub-Committee**

**10<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Request to Extend Private Hire Vehicle Licence</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>OFFICER:</b>	<b>Head of Regulatory Services</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Non-Specific</b>

**Appendix Attached - Appendix A – Request Letter from Operator**

**1. Reason for the Report:**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Members to consider an extension of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence following a request received by one of the Council's Licensed Private Hire Operators. A copy of the request and the interim steps taken is reproduced at Appendix A.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 That Members approve the request to extend the Private Hire Vehicle Licence as detailed in the options and analysis.

**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 The current Staffordshire Moorlands District Council conditions for Private Hire Vehicles states that the maximum age for a licensed vehicle is 8 years old.

3.1.1. The condition states: "All vehicles should be of a maximum of 8 years old or 4 years old upon changing vehicles or a new application".

3.2 The Operator's current Private Hire Vehicle licence expired on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and a request has been made that Members consider licensing the vehicle past the expiry date. The request was received on February 2015.

3.3 As an interim measure a decision was taken to extend the vehicle licence until after the Committee met and heard the operator's application.

3.4 The vehicle in question has been licensed by the Council since October 2009 and it has passed every MOT and Council Vehicle Test.

3.5 The vehicle is next due for an MOT by 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, and if granted will be subject to a Council Test by 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 and a further MOT in July 2016 to ensure suitability and safety.

#### 4. **Options and Analysis**

4.1 To approve the request to extend the Private Hire Vehicle Licence detailed in Appendix A, for a period of time as deemed appropriate by the committee.

4.2 To reject the request to extend the Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

#### 5. **Implications**

##### 5.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

Community Safety is one of the Council's key priorities and to ensure safety within the district by continuing regulation of the Private Hire Operators, Vehicles and Drivers.

##### 5.2 Workforce

None

##### 5.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

##### 5.4 Financial Considerations

No implications

##### 5.5 Legal

1. Under section 48(2) of Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council may attach conditions to the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.
2. The applicant has a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court

##### 5.6 Sustainability

None

##### 5.7 Internal and External Consultation

None

5.8 Risk Assessment

None

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**Web Links and  
Background Papers**

Appendix A and SMDC Private Hire  
Vehicle Licence Conditions

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