

TO: REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2005

SUBJECT: ALTERATIONS TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for approval by the Council of alterations in the specification of a hackney carriage vehicle.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The conditions attached to hackney carriage vehicle licences provide that:-

“No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.”

- 2.2 An application has been received from the holder of a hackney carriage vehicle licence for approval, under the condition, to allow blacked out windows at the rear sides of the vehicle.

- 2.3 The blacking out of vehicles is governed by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. Regulation 32 prescribes minimum light transmittance values, through the windscreen and to the windows to either side of the driver. The regulations do not apply to other windows. However, the regulations require a motor vehicle and all its parts and accessories to be at all times such that no danger is caused, or is likely to be caused, to any person in or on a vehicle or on a road.

- 2.4 The work has already been carried out to the vehicle.

- 2.5 The windscreen and side front windows have a tint but come within the regulations. The rear side windows appear to be completely blacked out. The rear window is heavily tinted but not completely blacked out.

- 2.6 The Police Intelligence and Traffic Divisions have been consulted and they see no reason why approval should not be given.

- 2.7 The Officers did have some reservations about the application but these have not been supported by the Police.

3. **DECISION REQUIRED**

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to approve the application for approval under the conditions attached to the hackney carriage vehicle for changes to be made to the specification of the vehicle in this case.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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