

TO: **REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 13th NOVEMBER 2006**

SUBJECT: **HACKNEY CARRIAGE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE APPROVAL.**

FROM: **MEMBERS' SERVICES**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an appeal against the rejection of an application by Specialist Vehicle Assemblies Limited for type approval of a Citroen vehicle for hackney carriage work in the District

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At present there is a scheme in force approved by the Council's Regulatory Committee to deal with applications for type approval of wheelchair accessible vehicles not already on the Council's list.
- 2.2 Any person wishing to licence a new hackney carriage vehicle must purchase a vehicle from the Council's Approved Vehicles list. These are vehicles which have been previously approved by the officers in conjunction with a representative of the Council of Disabled People.
- 2.3 Mr Mark Fletcher, who now works for Leamington Shopmobility, has been appointed by the Council of Disabled People to report to the officers on the suitability of vehicles
- 2.4 Any vehicles not already approved must be provided for inspection at the offices of Leamington Shopmobility. Based on Mr Fletcher's report, the Officers either accept or reject the application.
- 2.5 A Citroen vehicle provided by Specialist Vehicle Assemblies Limited was submitted for inspection on 30th October 2006.
- 2.6 The vehicle was rejected by Mr Fletcher. His report containing the reasons for the failure is attached to the report as appendix 1
- 2.7 The reasons for the appeal by Mr Stephen Ferris are contained in appendix 2 attached to the report.

3. DECISION REQUIRED

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the report from Mr Fletcher and the appeal by Mr Ferris and decide whether to approve the vehicle for use in the District as a wheelchair compliant hackney carriage vehicle.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS
NIL

Areas and the District Affected: All
Key Decision: no
Included in Forward Plan: N/A

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