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CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE L
REGULATORY PANEL

Date of Meeting:- 12th April 2006

Agenda Item No:-

Public	Operational	Delegated Yes
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Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Cumbria Fire Service	No	No
Cumbria Constabulary	No	No
Environmental Services	No	No

Title:- HACKNEY CARRIAGES – NON LONDON STYLE
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE - VEHICLE COLOUR

Report of:- LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report reference:- LDS 23/06

Summary:-

The Council's policy with regard to the licensing of non London style wheelchair accessible hackney carriages is that they must be either black or white in colour. An application has been received to vary this to also include red or blue.

Recommendation:-

To reach a decision from the options available, after hearing the presentation from the applicant.

J A Messenger
Licensing Manager

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:- Application from Mr Graham a copy of which is attached.

To the Chairman and Members of the Licensing & Regulatory Panel
12th April 2006

Applicant

Dale Graham, 8 Rosegate, Aglionby, Carlisle CA4 8AJ

An application has been received from Mr Graham, a licensed hackney driver, requesting that the council consider varying their colour policy on non-London style wheelchair accessible hackney carriages to include red or blue as well as the current black or white. (Appendix A)

History

Following a recommendation from the Licensing Panel on the 18th August 1998, The Environment Committee, on the 1st of October 1998, amended the Council's policy with regard to the licensing of wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriages to allow vehicles other than Public Carriage Office approved vehicles to be licensed. Applications would be referred to the Licensing Panel for consideration on individual merit.

This decision was taken partly to allow a greater freedom of choice for the trade in the light of the Disability Discrimination Act's requirement for all newly licensed Hackney Carriages to be wheelchair accessible on a date yet to be determined.

This Panel has previously considered and approved a number of vehicles for inclusion on the approved list. In all cases a condition was included that the vehicle colour be black, to enable members of the public to become accustomed to a new shape of Hackney Carriage.

On the 10th of September 2003, following an application to the Licensing Panel from a licensed Hackney Driver, the policy was amended to also include white vehicles.

There are currently 32 of these vehicles licensed and 68 of the London style.

Carlisle Taxi Association has been consulted and have no objections to the application.

OPTIONS

1. To approve the application to include red or blue vehicles.
2. To approve any standard manufacturer's colour.
3. To refuse the application.

Report by B J Sharrock

Appendix 'A'

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Dear Sir

after our recent conversation on the subject of the colours of the Peugeot E7 I would like to apply to the council for permission to have one of these vehicles in red or blue.

Since there has been these vehicles in use in Carlisle for several years now and the public now recognise these vehicles as hackney carriages.

Yours Faithfully
D. Dawe