

Agenda Item

REPORT OF LEAD LICENSING OFFICER

To: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject: ALLOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE PLATE

Date: 29 JANUARY 2019

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To assess the applications received for the allocation of the available hackney carriage plate.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Authority currently limits the number of hackney carriage plates it issues. A vehicle proprietor surrendered a wheelchair accessible “ring-fenced” plate. The Licensing Committee on 12 September 2018 approved the process for allocation of the plate.

2. REPORT

The available plate was advertised and two applications have been received.

The Authority’s Taxi Policy provides a points-based system to determine the applications.

The applications will be presented to the Sub-Committee for review and scoring.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

The Council needs to ensure its process is fair and transparent in case of any legal challenge.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability Implications

None

Equality/Diversity

The Council should retain its percentage of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Risk Management

There is a risk to the Council’s reputation if it does not maintain its percentage of wheelchair accessible vehicles or the process is not open and transparent

Compliance with Policies and Strategies
Complies with the Council's Taxi Policy

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications
None

Lead Member Views
N/A

4. CONCLUSIONS

The sub-Committee will allocate the plate in accordance with the agreed process.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members assess the applications and allocate the plate to the most appropriate applicant.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations: None
Contact Officer: Chris Parkhouse
Background Papers: Licensing data area/files