

Committee: Licensing Committee
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Title: Private Hire Licensing – Smart Cars
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Summary

This report has been submitted to update members with regard to the licensing of Smart Cars as private hire vehicles.

Recommendations

The Committee note the content of this report.

Background Papers

None

Impact

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| Communication/Consultation | None. |
| Community Safety | The vehicle concerned has met the NCAP4 level of safety approval and must reach the standard of the MOT and compliance test. |
| Equalities | An equalities impact assessment accompanied the original report to committee. Nothing has occurred which would change that assessment. |
| Finance | None. |
| Health & Safety | None |
| Legal Implications/ Human Rights | None |
| Sustainability | Vehicle is fuel efficient and environmentally friendly. |
| Ward-specific impacts | None. |
| Workforce/Workplace | None. |

Situation

- 1 On 10th March 2010 members resolved to adopt amending the licensing conditions in respect of private hire vehicles to allow the licensing of Smart Cars. Members reviewed the effect of this decision on 8th September 2010 and requested a further review 1 year after the amendment of the conditions.

- 2 It appears that initially this type of business was slow to take off but the operator is now building up a client base involving a National Airline and a charitable body conveying young clients to group events. Cab4One does have a website which contains an 'on line' booking facility. They forecast that the business will expand through their media campaign and meetings with local business groups.
- 3 No difficulties have been reported by the public concerning this service and the operator is a member and has the support of ULODA..
- 4 Since the current operator and vehicle were licensed the council has not received applications to licence any further such vehicles. A request from another prospective operator to further amend the conditions to permit the licensing of 3 wheeled motor cycles as private hire vehicles was rejected by members on 10 November 2010.

Risk Analysis

There are no risks associated with this report