

REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER
LICENSING, FOOD & SAFETY
TO THE SPECIAL GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
27th May 2016

REQUEST FOR AUTHORISATION TO GRANT VEHICLE APPLICATIONS
OUTSIDE OF CURRENT AGE CRITERIA

1.0 Background

1.1 At the General Licensing Committee of 17th December 2014, Members agreed that any vehicle that does not comply with the current licensing criteria and/or is over 5 years old continue to be reported to Committee for decision by Committee. Members also agreed that for future reports Members of the General Licensing Committee would not inspect the vehicles and would make their decision based on a written report from officers. A copy of the previous report is attached at Appendix A.

2.0 Current Position

2.1 Since the decision made at the General Licensing Committee on the 17th December 2014, 30 vehicle applications have been considered by the General Licensing Committee where the vehicles have not complied with the age criteria and have been over 5 years old.

2.2 26 of these vehicles were granted a licence based on a written report from officers.

2.3 4 of the vehicles were refused a licence following inspection by Members as the vehicles did not meet the required standards.

2.4 As Members will note the majority of the vehicle applications referred to the General Licensing Committee are granted based on a written report from officers that confirms the vehicles are considered to be suitable for licensing. In view of this Members are requested to consider authorising officers to grant vehicle licences for any vehicle that does not meet the Council's current age criteria subject to the vehicle meeting all other relevant application/licensing criteria.

2.5 Where there are any concerns in respect of a vehicle presented for licensing, officers will continue to refer the application to the General Licensing Committee for decision following inspection of the vehicle concerned.

