

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

21 March 2013

APPLICATION TO LICENCE A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mr David Hills has made an application for a licence to drive a private hire vehicle and has also applied for a private hire vehicle licence for a Skoda Octavia 1.2 TSI, which does not fall within the Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to Hackney and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators.

Mr Hills is seeking a resolution that the Council will depart from the current Policy and licence his vehicle as a private hire vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sub-Committee consider whether to depart from the Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to Hackney and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators, to licence this vehicle.

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- 1.1 Mr Hills made an application for a licence to drive a private hire vehicle on 22 February 2013. This will be granted subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (previously Criminal Records Bureau), DVLA driving licence validation check and medical report.
- 1.2 Mr Hills was a licensed private hire driver and also held a private hire operator licence and private hire vehicle licence with this Council from 17 July 2008 to 16 July 2010.
- 1.3 Mr Hills has made an application for a private hire vehicle licence for a Skoda Octavia 1.2 TSI. See appendix 1.
- 1.4 Paragraph 6.3 of the Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to Hackney and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators states that; *The engine capacity must be not less than 1600cc [1.6].*
- 1.5 Mr Hills has asked that the Council depart from the current Policy to licence his vehicle as it has the same power output (105 horse power) as the 1.6 diesel specification. Further comparisons can be found at appendix 2.
- 1.6 It is likely that this vehicle would otherwise be licensed based on the type of vehicle and a satisfactory MOT and mechanical inspection check being issued.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:2 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

- 2.1 This report relates to ensuring the safety of the public using taxis and private hire vehicles licensed by the Council.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 None

#### 4 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 The Council has adopted the Statement of Licensing Policy with respect to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Private Hire Operators. The requirement for the engine capacity to be not less than 1600cc was a historical unwritten requirement which was then written into the Policy when the Council overhauled the Policy and Conditions in April 2011.
- 4.2 The limit was set at 1600cc to ensure that a vehicle carrying passengers to its maximum capacity would be able to travel without difficulty.
- 4.3 Some modern vehicles, including the subject vehicle, with a lower engine capacity now have the same or similar performance to those with a larger engine. Members are asked to consider if this merits a departure from the Policy.

#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

#### APPENDICES:

- Appendix 1            Application for private hire vehicle licence\*
- Appendix 2            Comparison of vehicle specifications

\* Vehicle registration document not enclosed but will be available at the Sub-Committee meeting

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Compton  
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SO21 2DW  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

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City Offices  
Colebrook Street  
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SO23 9LJ

Vehicle: FY11 KMZ-Skoda Octavia 1.2 TSI

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in reference with the above vehicle and with regards to the current Private Hire Vehicle licensing policy. The current policy doesn't allow for a vehicle with an engine size of less than 1600 to be licensed.

Please consider departing from the policy and allowing this vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle, providing it passes other criteria, safety checks and garage testing.

I have enclosed the specifications for a 1.2 TSI 105PS DSG and a 1.6 TDI CR 105PS DSG which shows that, although the engine is smaller in capacity, it provides more power than the 1.6. The trend these days is moving towards smaller engines with more power. I have also enclosed a copy of my UK vehicle Registration Certificate.

Yours sincerely ,

Mr David Hills



# Winchester City Council

## Application for Grant/Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

Full Name: DAVID CHRISTOPHER HILLS

Address: 24 MOUNTAIN ASH, TILDEN ROAD,  
COMPTON, WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE, SO21 2DW

Tel No. Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

I, being the sole/a proprietor of the following described motor vehicle let for hire, not being a Licensed Hackney Carriage, hereby apply for a licence for the said motor vehicle

from (date) ASAP to (date) \_\_\_\_\_

I attach the following documents –

- Vehicle Registration Document
- Certificate of Insurance (comprehensive)
- Fee of £167
- MOT Test Certificate (where applicable)
- Workshop Test Sheet, including emissions
- Current Tax Disc (displayed on the vehicle)

Details of vehicle:

Registration No: FY11 KMZ Type of vehicle: SALOON HATCH

Make of vehicle: SKODA Engine Capacity: 1200 cc

Model: OCTAVIA No. of seats (inc. driver): 5

Colour: SILVER Licence Plate No: \_\_\_\_\_

Premises from which the vehicle will operate: ABOVE ADDRESS

The following person is also a proprietor of the vehicle (Name and address):

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have given above is correct and understand that any Licence granted may be revoked if it is not correct. I understand that the Council vehicle inspection includes an emissions test. The above vehicle has been regularly serviced to the manufacturers specification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 31/01/2013

OFFICE USE: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_ Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn over for details on testing stations.

## Octavia Hatch



Select your engine: 1.2 TSI 105PS DSG \*\*

### Available with the following models

- S Hatch £15,295
- SE Hatch £16,305

### Engine

Specification	Description
Type	petrol engine, in-line, liquid cooling system, SOHC, transverse in front
Cylinders	4
Cubic capacity - cc	1,197
CO2 Emissions - g/km	136
Air pollution regulation	EUV
Fuel	petrol
Bore - mm	71
Stroke - mm	75.6
Compression ratio	10:1

### Performance

Specification	Description
Maximum speed - mph	119.3
Acceleration 0 - 62mph	10.8
Max power - PS/rpm	105/5,000
Max torque - Nm/rpm	175/1,550-4,100

### Economy

Specification	Description
Fuel consumption - Urban	40.4 (7.0)
Fuel consumption - Extra urban	54.3 (5.2)
Fuel consumption - Combined	47.9 (5.9)
Fuel tank - litres	55

### Weight

Specification	Description
Kerb weight - kg	1,215
Total weight - kg	1,890
Max payload - kg	675
Max roof load - kg	75
Max towing weight - kg (unbraked/braked)	640/1,200
Max nose weight - kg	75
Boot space with seats up - litres	585
Boot space with seats down - litres	1,455

### Transmission

Specification	Description
Transmission	Front wheel drive
Gearbox	7 speed Automatic
Clutch	Two coaxial wet multiple-disc clutch, electro-hydraulically operated

### Chassis

Specification	Description
Suspension	McPherson axle with bottom triangular control arms and independent multi-link suspension with one longitudinal and two cross arms torsion stabiliser
Braking system	Hydraulic dual circuit brake system with diagonal interconnection, vacuum assisted dual rate brake booster
Front brakes	Disc brakes, with hollow discs, internal cooling and single-piston floating caliper
Rear brakes	Disc brakes with full discs and single-piston floating calipers
Handbrake	Mechanical handbrake operating on rear wheels
Steering	Direct rack and pinion steering with electronic with electrohydraulic power steering

\*\*Stock vehicles only. Please speak to your local retailer for more information.

## Octavia Hatch



Select your engine: 1.6 TDI CR 105PS DSG

### Available with the following models

- S Hatch £17,660
- SE Hatch £18,670
- SE Plus Hatch £19,630
- Elegance Hatch £19,770

### Engine

Specification	Description
Type	Turbocharged diesel engine, in-line, liquid cooling system, high-pressure direct inject.
Cylinders	4
Cubic capacity - cc	1,598
CO2 Emissions - g/km	123
Air pollution regulation	EUV
Fuel	diesel
Bore - mm	79.5
Stroke - mm	80.5
Compression ratio	16.5:1

### Performance

Specification	Description
Maximum speed - mph	118
Acceleration 0 - 62mph	12.0
Max power - PS/rpm	105/4,400
Max torque - Nm/rpm	250/1,500-2,500

### Economy

Specification	Description
Fuel consumption - Urban	50.4
Fuel consumption - Extra urban	67.3
Fuel consumption - Combined	60.1
Fuel tank - litres	55

### Weight

Specification	Description
Kerb weight - kg	1,300
Total weight - kg	1,975
Max payload - kg	675
Max roof load - kg	75
Max towing weight - kg (unbraked/braked)	680/1,400
Max nose weight - kg	75
Boot space with seats up - litres	585
Boot space with seats down - litres	1,455

### Transmission

Specification	Description
Transmission	Front wheel drive
Gearbox	7 speed Manual
Clutch	Hydraulically-activated single-plate dry clutch with diaphragm spring, asbestos-free coating

### Chassis

Specification	Description
Suspension	McPherson axle with bottom triangular control arms and independent multi-link suspension with one longitudinal and two cross arms torsion stabiliser
Braking system	Hydraulic dual circuit brake system with diagonal interconnection, vacuum assisted dual rate brake booster
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