

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN REMOTELY VIA SKYPE FOR BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

A Hussain

RM James

JE Lewis

JR McCarthy

Apologies for Absence

B Jones and A Williams

Officers:

Kirsty Evans

Senior Licensing Officer

Mark Galvin

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Michael Pitman

Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Katie Wintle

Lawyer

221. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

222. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee dated 11 February and 22 September 2020, be approved as a true and accurate record.

223. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager – Licensing presented a report, the purpose of which, was to ask the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a private hire vehicle.

The application was made by Jason Stretch of Porthcawl to licence a Vauxhall Vivaro 2900 Combi vehicle registration number NU64 GUF as a private hire vehicle to seat 6 persons. Mr. Stretch was present at the meeting in support of his application.

The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 25 September 2014.

The Team Manager – Licensing, advised that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle was wheelchair accessible. A service report had been submitted for 4 December 2015 with the mileage recorded at 6094; 17 November 2016 with mileage at 11,323; 24 October 2017 with mileage at 16,294; 1 October 2018 with mileage at 20,217; and on 18 September 2019 with mileage at 23,196. A current MOT has been submitted dated 10 July 2020 with the mileage recorded at 25,085.

On the 27 October 2020 an Enforcement Officer inspected the vehicle and the vehicle was found to be in good condition. A Vehicle Assessment Form was provided at Appendix A to the report. At the time of inspection the mileage was recorded at 28,468.

In response to a Members question, the applicant confirmed that the vehicle would be used to cater for wheelchair users, as and when this was required through custom.

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In response to a further Members question, Mr. Stretch advised that the vehicle was equipped with steps/ramp, in order to safely cater for wheelchairs.

Members retired to consider the application, whereupon on their return, it was

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to register NU64 GUF as a Private Hire Vehicle.

Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 of the Council's Licensing Policy, for the reasons outlined in paragraph 4.5 the report.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the policy, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such, the Sub-Committee granted the licence.

224. URGENT ITEMS

None.

The meeting closed at 10:40