

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

P James

RD Jenkins

JE Lewis

HE Morgan

Officers:

Andrea Lee

Senior Lawyer

Andrew Rees

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the following Member:

Councillor R M James.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor J E Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item no. Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle as the applicant is known to her and family. Councillor Lewis withdrew from the meeting during this item.

86. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 19 January 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

87. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Mr Dean Thomas to licence a BMW 520 4 door saloon vehicle registration number YK62 XYG as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 1 September 2012.

The applicant attended in support of his application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle. On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 49,189 miles.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that he had transferred the number plate on the vehicle to L30 YDT. The Team Manager Licensing informed the applicant that he would be required to produce evidence to the Council of the change in number plates. The applicant explained that in the event of his application being successful he proposed to use the vehicle in his private hire / executive hire business. He now had his own garage which enabled him to have better control over the use of his fleet of vehicles.

The Team Manager Licensing informed the Sub-Committee that the application fell outside the Policy guidelines for the first licensing of vehicles and which would normally be refused; however, a relaxation of the Policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee has considered the application to licence a BMW 520 4 door saloon vehicle registration number L30 YDT as a private hire vehicle.

The Sub-Committee has also considered the policy considerations applicable and in view of the exceptional quality of the vehicle, granted the application to licence a BMW 520 4 door saloon vehicle registration number L30 YDT as a private hire vehicle.

88. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above to consider the following items in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all the circumstances relating to the items, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because the information would be prejudicial to the applicants.

89. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 19 January 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

90. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF NEW LICENCE

91. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE

92. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 10.47 am