

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, 12 JULY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Present

Councillor R Williams – Chairperson

P James  
E Venables

JE Lewis

HE Morgan

D Patel

Officers:

Katie Brook	Senior Licensing Technical Officer
Katia Daw	Lawyer
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Yvonne Witchell	Team Manager Licensing

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor RM James.

120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

121. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 14 June 2016 be approved as a true and accurate record.

122. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Officer (Technical) submitted a report regarding an application by Premier Cars (Cardiff) Limited to licence a Vauxhall Insignia 5 door hatchback vehicle registration number CE60 HSF as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 11 October 2010. The applicants had provided a service history for the vehicle and a MOT certificate.

The applicants Peter and Tracey Renwick attended in support of their application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle. On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 98,538 miles and Members noted scratches on the wheel covers, which the applicants stated would be replaced.

The applicants informed the Sub-Committee that the company already operated a similar model in Bridgend which is popular with customers and had the latest safety features. The applicants also informed the Sub-Committee that the vehicle had previously been licensed as a private hire vehicle in Cardiff but was now surplus to requirements there. In the event of their application being successful the applicants believed it would complement their existing fleet in Bridgend.

The Senior Licensing Officer (Technical) 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.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application and on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee has considered the application to licence a Vauxhall Insignia vehicle registration number CE60 HSF as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

Given the age of the vehicle the Sub-Committee note the application falls outside the private hire vehicle policy, but note the policy guidelines regarding the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside the policy guidelines.

The Sub-Committee has noted paragraph 2.2.5 of the policy and note the exceptional interior and exterior quality as well as the exceptional standards of safety and regular servicing of the vehicle. As such the Sub-Committee granted the application to licence a Vauxhall Insignia vehicle registration number CE60 HSF as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

123. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Senior Licensing Officer (Technical) submitted a report regarding an application by Premier Cars (Cardiff) Limited to licence a Vauxhall Insignia 5 door hatchback vehicle registration number WF60 BHW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle is pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 28 September 2010. The applicants had provided a service history for the vehicle and a MOT certificate.

The applicants Peter and Tracey Renwick attended in support of their application and the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting in order to view the vehicle. On inspecting the vehicle, the mileage was confirmed as being 61,692 miles and Members noted scratches on the wheel covers, which the applicants stated would be replaced.

The applicants informed the Sub-Committee that the vehicle is a former mobility car which they had used as part of their fleet of private cars in Cardiff and which was now surplus to their requirements in Cardiff. The applicants stated that all their vehicles are the subject of daily and weekly checks with servicing taking place every 6 months at the company's own garage where they employed 3 fitters.

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The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application and on their return it was:

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee has considered the application to licence a Vauxhall Insignia vehicle registration number WF60 BHW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

Given the age of the vehicle the Sub-Committee note the application falls outside the private hire vehicle policy, but note the policy

guidelines regarding the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside the policy guidelines.

The Sub-Committee has noted paragraph 2.2.5 of the policy and note the exceptional interior and exterior quality as well as the exceptional standards of safety and regular servicing of the vehicle. As such the Sub-Committee granted the application to licence a Vauxhall Insignia vehicle registration number WF60 BHW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

124. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 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/or 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.

125. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

126. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 LICENSING OF PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE

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128. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 12.21 pm