

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 13 MARCH 2018**

**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, 13 MARCH 2018 AT 10:00**

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

SE Baldwin  
JE Williams

PA Davies

DK Edwards

AA Pucella

Apologies for Absence

DG Owen

Officers:

Katie Brook	Senior Licensing Technical Officer
Andrea Lee	Senior Lawyer
Michael Pitman	Business & Administrative Apprentice
Andrew Rees	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Yvonne Witchell	Team Manager Licensing

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

84. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licencing Sub-Committee of 12 January 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record.

85. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The application was made by Richard Singleton to licence a Mercedes S350L with a new registration number G20 UPS (formerly KY63 HLW) as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Members and Officers then proceeded to inspect the vehicle that was available for inspection in the Civic Offices car park, and briefly adjourned the meeting for this purpose.

Upon the meeting reconvening, the Team Manager (Licensing) advised Members that the mileage of the vehicle currently was 23,440 miles. She added that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible, but there were specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of Private Hire Vehicles which fell outside the policy guidelines outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report. A full service history of the vehicle had been provided by the applicant.

A member of the Sub-Committee noted that upon inspection, the tyre tread looked extremely worn, and asked Mr Singleton what he was doing about this. Mr Singleton responded stating that he has a tyre change booked in for later today to receive a new set of tyres.

**RESOLVED:** The Sub-Committee considered the application for the licence of vehicle registration number G20 UPS as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle fell outside paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing Policy due to its age.

The Sub-Committee considered the exceptional circumstances under paragraph 2.2.5 of the Policy, and decided that due to the exceptional interior and exterior quality of the vehicle, and exceptional standards of safety, Members agreed to grant the application.

86. **APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE**

The application was made by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Volkswagen Transporter, vehicle registration number GJ16 XJP as a Private Hire Vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The applicant was unable to be present as he was unwell and sent a representative and a letter on his behalf in support of his application.

The meeting briefly adjourned for the members and officers to inspect the vehicle in the Civic Offices car park.

Upon the meeting reconvening, the Team Manager (Licensing) advised Members that the mileage of the vehicle currently was 13,906 miles. She added that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Sub-Committee. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible, but there were specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of Private Hire Vehicles which fell outside the policy guidelines outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

As the car is over 10,000 miles and more than a year old, members asked the question as to why it has not received a service as of yet. The applicant responded with that the vehicle is on a Flexible Service Regime (LongLife Service) which is a Volkswagen scheme. The oil used in the car means that the vehicle can be used for up to 18,000 miles without a service (or 24 months). The applicant believed that the vehicle will not reach 18,000 miles before next month.

**RESOLVED:** The Sub-Committee considered the application for the licence of vehicle registration number GJ16 XJP as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle fell outside paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing Policy due to its age.

The Sub-Committee considered the exceptional circumstances under paragraph 2.2.5 of the Policy, and decided that due to the exceptional interior and exterior quality of the vehicle, and exceptional standards of safety, Members agreed to grant the application.

87. **URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

88. **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 contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 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 so mentioned.

- 89. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES
- 90. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES
- 91. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES
- 92. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES
- 93. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES
- 94. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES
- 95. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES
- 96. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

The meeting closed at 14:10