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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee B will be held in Committee Rooms 2/3, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 13 February 2018 at 10:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 6
To receive for approval the Minutes of the 12/12/2017
4. Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle 7 - 10
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8. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.
9. Exclusion of the Public
The minutes/reports relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local

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Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

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| 10. | <u>Approval of Exempt Minutes</u>
To receive for approval the Exempt Minutes of the 12/12/2017. | 23 - 24 |
| 11. | <u>Application for Grant of Licences</u> | 25 - 28 |
| 12. | <u>Application for Grant of Licences</u> | 29 - 32 |

Yours faithfully

P A Jolley

Corporate Director Operational and Partnership Services

Councillors:

RJ Collins

A Hussain

RM James

Councillors

B Jones

MJ Kearns

JE Lewis

Councillors

G Thomas

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3 - CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017 AT 10:00

Present:-

Councillor – MJ Kearn Chairperson

Councillors:

A Hussain

RM James

G Thomas

JE Lewis

Apologies for Absence

None.

Officers:

Nick Dennison

Trainee Solicitor

Julie Ellams

Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

36. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee of 19 October 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record.

37. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Mr Stephen Griffiths to licence a Mercedes E220 vehicle registration number EF12 OBW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 17 July 2012.

Mr Griffiths 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 81,597 miles. The Team Manager – Licensing confirmed that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee but a relaxation could be considered in exceptional circumstances. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. A service history had been provided confirming the mileage at 70,176 on 24 August 2016.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that in the event of his application being successful, he proposed to use the vehicle for corporate work and airport transfers.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application.

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application for the grant of a licence for a private hire vehicle in respect of vehicle registration EF12 OBW.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application fell outside of paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing policy guidelines. They

noted that the current mileage stood at 81,597 and the applicant's intention to use the vehicle for airport transfers.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph's 2.2 and 2.2.5 of the policy and the exceptional circumstances in which the policy could be relaxed. The committee considered that the exceptional condition of the interior and exterior and exceptional safety and comfort present applied in this case.

As such the Sub-Committee granted the licence as applied for.

38. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Mr Stephen Griffiths to Licence a Ford Tourneo vehicle registration number YC14 XLY as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 8 May 2014.

Mr Griffiths 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 68,070 miles. The Team Manager – Licensing confirmed that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee but a relaxation could be considered in exceptional circumstances. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. A service history had been provided confirming the mileage at 59,442 on 14 February 2017.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that in the event of his application being successful, he proposed to use the vehicle for corporate work and airport transfers.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the grant of a licence for a private hire vehicle in respect of vehicle registration YC14 XLY.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application fell outside of paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing policy guidelines. They noted that the current mileage stood at 68,070 and the applicant's intention to use the vehicle for airport transfers.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph's 2.2 and 2.2.5 of the policy and the exceptional circumstances in which the policy could be relaxed. The committee considered that the exceptional condition of the interior and exterior and exceptional safety and comfort present applied in this case.

As such the Sub-Committee granted the licence as applied for.

39. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Mr David Llewellyn to licence a Mercedes E Class Saloon vehicle registration number BF64 HKP as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 29 September 2014.

Mr Llewellyn 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 32,737 miles. The Team Manager – Licensing confirmed that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee but a relaxation could be considered in exceptional circumstances. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. A service history had been provided confirming the mileage at 32,538 on 30 November 2017.

The applicant informed the Sub-Committee that in the event of his application being successful, he proposed to use the vehicle for corporate work and airport transfers.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the grant of a licence for a private hire vehicle in respect of vehicle registration BF64 HKP.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application fell outside of paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing policy guidelines. They noted that the current mileage stood at 32,737.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph's 2.2 and 2.2.5 of the policy and the exceptional circumstances in which the policy could be relaxed. The committee considered that the exceptional condition of the interior and exterior of the vehicle and exceptional safety and comfort present applied in this case.

As such the Sub-Committee granted the licence as applied for.

40. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Team Manager Licensing submitted a report regarding an application by Mr James Preece to licence a Skoda Superb registration number JT11 VOR as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 23 March 2017.

Mr Preece 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 15,947 miles. The Team Manager – Licensing confirmed that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee but a relaxation could be considered in exceptional circumstances. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible and the service history was available on line with Skoda.

The Sub-Committee retired to consider the application.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the grant of a licence for a private hire vehicle in respect of vehicle registration JT11 VOR.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application fell outside of paragraph 2.1 of the Council's Licensing policy guidelines. They noted that the mileage of the vehicle stood at 15,947 and noted the

service details contained in the documentation provided to the Committee at the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered paragraph's 2.2 and 2.2.5 of the policy and the exceptional circumstances in which the policy could be relaxed. The committee considered that the exceptional condition of the interior and exterior of the vehicle and exceptional safety and comfort present applied in this case.

As such the Sub-Committee granted the licence as applied for.

41. URGENT ITEMS

None.

42. 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.

43. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

44. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

45. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

The meeting closed at 11:20

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

13 FEBRUARY 2018

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To ask the sub-committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a private hire vehicle.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 None

3. Background.

- 3.1 It is the duty of the Local Authority to determine applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1847. Applications which fall outside the policy guidelines are referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Richard Singleton, to licence a Mercedes S350L vehicle registration number KY63 HLW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.

- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 4 September 2015.

- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible, but there are specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside policy guidelines, which are set out below. For Members' information, a full service history has been provided confirming the mileage at 8577 on the 28 November 2014, 13142 on the 14 June 2016, 26159 on the 14 April 2017 and 55958 on the 20 September 2017.

4.4 Policy Guidelines

The vehicle policy applicable to this application was approved by the Licensing Committee on 10 March 2008. The relevant extract from the policy is as follows:

“(Policy 2.1) Applications for the first licensing of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle should be submitted to the Council within 14 days of the first registration of

the vehicle at the DVLA. The mileage at the time of application should be no greater than 500 miles. The applicant may be the second or a subsequent registered keeper but the applicant must demonstrate that there is no more than 14 days between the first registration and transfer to the applicant's name. Applications will normally be dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

(Policy 2.2) Applications for the first licensing of vehicles falling outside the above policy guidelines will normally be refused but a relaxation of the policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances. The general guidelines for relaxation of the policy are as follows but each case will be dealt with on its merits:

(Policy 2.2.5) A relaxation of the policy will also be considered in exceptional circumstances for applications relating to the first licensing of private hire vehicles. The Council does not seek to limit or define a particular vehicle which is suitable but will adhere to the minimum standards for the size of seats and legroom etc which are available on request. Irrespective of the age of the vehicle it must be capable of satisfying the general licensing conditions and be fit for purpose as a private hire vehicle in terms of passenger safety and comfort. Each application will be reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination on its merits having regard to the following criteria:

- That the vehicle presented is in an exceptional condition in relation to its exterior and interior appearance with no evidence of defects, chips, marks or other evidence of unreasonable wear and tear or damage.*
- That the vehicle presented offers an exceptional standard of safety and comfort for passengers in terms of features offered for example ABS, passenger airbags and ability to meet current requirements on emissions testing.*
- That the application includes evidence that the vehicle has been serviced at the intervals recommended by the manufacturer and at an approved garage. Other relevant documentations such as an MOT certificate should also be provided.*

(Policy 2.4) All applicants should be satisfied that they can meet all current policy requirements before submitting an application and are advised that they submit an application which falls outside the above policy guidelines at their own risk. Acceptance of an application does not infer that it will be granted. Applicants are strongly advised not to purchase a vehicle or make any other financial commitment until the application is determined."

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 This vehicle is not for wheelchair use. There are no other implications in relation to age; disability; gender and transgender; race; religion or belief and non-belief; sexual orientation.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 None for the Authority.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the information contained within this report.

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4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Richard Singleton, to licence a Mercedes E220 AMG vehicle registration number LT65 JKE as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 4 September 2015.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible, but there are specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside policy guidelines, which are set out below. For Members' information, a service history has been provided confirming the mileage at 10928 on the 16 September 2016. The applicant has no other information relating to this vehicle.

4.4 Policy Guidelines

The vehicle policy applicable to this application was approved by the Licensing Committee on 10 March 2008. The relevant extract from the policy is as follows:

“(Policy 2.1) Applications for the first licensing of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle should be submitted to the Council within 14 days of the first registration of the vehicle at the DVLA. The mileage at the time of application should be no greater than 500 miles. The applicant may be the second or a subsequent

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- 4.1 Application is made by Richard Singleton, to licence a Mercedes Viano vehicle registration number V66 RDS as a private hire vehicle to seat 7 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 20 November 2012.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible, but there are specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside policy guidelines, which are set out below. For Members' information, an MOT has been provided confirming the mileage at 24529 on the 28 March 2014, 46562 on the 29 June 2015, 68438 on the 22 September 2016. An MOT has also been provided with the mileage at 99347 dated the 8 January 2018.

4.4 Policy Guidelines

The vehicle policy applicable to this application was approved by the Licensing Committee on 10 March 2008. The relevant extract from the policy is as follows:

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4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Peyton Travel, to licence a Renault Trafic vehicle registration number WN15 CVW as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 30 April 2015.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible, but there are specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of private hire vehicles which fall outside policy guidelines, which are set out below. For Members' information, service history has been provided confirming the mileage at 24895 on the 17 May 2016 and the mileage at 50158 on the 19 July 2017.

4.4 Policy Guidelines

The vehicle policy applicable to this application was approved by the Licensing Committee on 10 March 2008. The relevant extract from the policy is as follows:

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