

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 12 MARCH 2019

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 MARCH 2019 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

SE Baldwin

TH Beedle

AA Pucella

JE Williams

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins

Officers:

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Julie Ellams

Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

170. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr D Lewis declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 15, Application for Renewal of Licences, because he knew the applicant. He left the meeting when this item was considered and Cllr S Baldwin took the Chair.

171. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub - Committee A dated 15 January 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

172. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a private hire vehicle.

The application was made by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Volkswagen Transporter vehicle registration number GJ17 OBD as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 21 March 2017.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 27,286 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the reasons outlined in the report. 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 policy guidelines, outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report. For Members' information a service history had been provided dated 13 December 2017 with the mileage recorded at 6886, 14 February 2018 with mileage at 9900, 23 August 2018 with mileage at 19927 and 24 October 2018 with mileage at 22678.

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to register GJ17 OBD as a private hire vehicle.

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Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 due to the age and mileage.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy and the guidelines at 2.2.5 were applicable, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

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

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a private hire vehicle.

The application was made by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Volkswagen Transporter vehicle registration number GJ17 OCW as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 24 March 2017.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 28,600 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the reasons outlined in the report. 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 policy guidelines, outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report. For Members' information a service history had been provided dated 20 September 2017 with the mileage recorded at 5743, 30 November 2017 with mileage at 9772, 2 February 2018 with mileage at 12804 and 20 February 2019 with mileage at 28151.

**RESOLVED:** The Sub-Committee considered the application to register GJ17 OCW as a private hire vehicle.

Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 due to the age and mileage.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy and the guidelines at 2.2.5 were applicable, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

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

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a private hire vehicle.

The application was made by Forge Travel Limited to licence a Renault traffic vehicle registration number MX13 LHF as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was wheelchair accessible and capable of accommodating 2 wheelchairs and 5 passengers. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 20 June 2013.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 16,553 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle

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Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the reasons outlined in the report. The vehicle was wheelchair accessible and the policies which applied to this case were set out in the report. For Members' information a service history had been provided dated 30 June 2014 with the mileage recorded at 1279, 10 June 2015 with mileage at 3962, 19 November 2015 with mileage at 5244, 10 June 2016 with mileage at 6938, 19 June 2017 with mileage at 10392, 20 April 2018 with mileage at 12309, 22 May 2018 12669 and 1 October 2018 with mileage at 13906. A satisfactory LOLER Certificate of Thorough Inspection had also been submitted with the application dated the 22 February 2019 in relation to the Tail Lift on the vehicle.

**RESOLVED:** The Sub-Committee considered the application to register MX13 LHF as a private hire vehicle.

Members noted it was wheelchair accessible and noted the special policy guidelines that related to this.

Members noted that the vehicle fell outside the policy at para 2.2.3 however under 2.2.5 Members were prepared to relax the policy on the basis of the exceptional exterior and interior quality and exceptional standards of safety.

As such the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence with a maximum capacity of 7 under para 2.2.4.

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

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a license for a private hire vehicle.

The application was made by Traveland (Wales) Limited, to licence a Volkswagen Transporter vehicle registration number A5 TLD as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was first registered at the DVLA on 16 January 2019.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 621 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the reasons outlined in the report. 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 policy guidelines, outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

**RESOLVED:** The Sub-Committee considered the application to register A5 TLD as a private hire vehicle.

Members noted that it fell outside of policy 2.1 due to the age and mileage.

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy and the guidelines at 2.2.5 were applicable, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the exceptional standards of safety. As such the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

176. **URGENT ITEMS**

None

177. 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

178. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

179. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

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181. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES

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The meeting closed at 13:05