

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, 9 APRIL 2019 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

RM James

JE Lewis

G Thomas

Apologies for Absence

A Hussain and MJ Kearn

Officers:

Andrea Lee

Senior Lawyer

Michael Pitman

Business & Administrative Apprentice

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

130. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 12/02/2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

131. 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 Christopher Jones to licence a Ford Tourneo Custom, vehicle registration number MM66 GMX as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 21 March 31 December 2016.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 17,520 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 26 February 2019 with the mileage recorded at 17,051 and an MOT certificate dated 27 February 2019 with the same mileage.

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to register MM66 GMX as a private hire vehicle.

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

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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.

132. URGENT ITEMS

None

133. 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.

134. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

135. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

136. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCES

137. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR EXISTING TAXI DRIVER