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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 4 March 2020

#### **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A**

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee A will be held in the Committee Rooms 2/3, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday**, **10 March 2020** at **10:00**.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

# 2. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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  To receive for approval the Minutes of the 14/01/2020	3 - 6
4.	Application to Licence Hackney Carriage Vehicle	7 - 8
5.	Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle	9 - 12
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8.	Application to Licence Hackney Carriage Vehicle	21 - 22

#### 9. 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.

#### 10. Exclusion of the Public

The minutes relating to the following item are not for publication as it contains exempt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 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 this item in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during such consideration.

#### 11. Approval of Exempt Minutes

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To receive for approval the exempt Minutes of the 14/01/2020

Yours faithfully **K Watson** 

Chief Officer, Legal, HR & Regulatory Services

Councillors:CouncillorsCouncillorsTH BeedleDRW LewisJE Williams

RJ Collins DG Owen MJ Kearn AA Pucella

# Agenda Item 3

#### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2020

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, 14 JANUARY 2020 AT 10:00

#### Present

#### Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

TH Beedle RJ Collins MJ Kearn AA Pucella

JE Williams

Officers:

Kirsty Evans Senior Licensing Officer

Andrea Lee Senior Lawyer

Michael Pitman Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell Team Manager Licensing

#### 241. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R Collins declared a prejudicial interest in item 10 of the agenda, as he was a neighbour of the applicant.

#### 242. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 19/11/2019 be approved as a true and accurate

record.

#### 243. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

The report advised that application was being made by Paul Brain, to licence a Dacia Logan, vehicle registration number LF17 WZM as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on March 2017.

The application fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. An MOT certificate and service history was provided which was detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised that the vehicle was inspected on the 18 December 2019 by Licensing Enforcement Officers following a refusal in a previous Sub Committee meeting due to safety concerns. Following the inspection, it was confirmed that there were no quality or safety concerns. Further details relating to the inspection were at 4.5 of the report.

Members proceeded to further inspect the vehicle which was situated in the Civic Offices basement car park.

Upon the meeting reconvening it was confirmed that the current mileage of the vehicle was 17,528.

The Policy guidelines relating to applications for the licence of Hackney Carriage Vehicles was detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

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Members then retired to consider the application further and upon reconvening, it was

RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to register LF17 WZM as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

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

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

#### 244. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

The report advised that application was being made by Emma Parrott, to licence a Toyota Avensis, vehicle registration number MD66 WXJ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and first registered at the DVLA on January 2017.

The application fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report. The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible. An MOT certificate and service history was provided which was detailed at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

The Team Manager (Licensing) advised that this vehicle was previously refused at a Licensing Sub Committee due to concerns over the safety of the rear seats. On 8 January, a Licensing Enforcement Officer inspected a similar vehicle at a local dealership. Upon inspection, he noted that when the correct procedure had been used for lifting and lowering the seats, they were safe and secure. Further details were at 4.5 of the report.

Members then proceeded to inspect the vehicle which was situated in the Civic Offices basement car park.

Upon the meeting reconvening it was confirmed that the current mileage of the vehicle was 9.540

The Policy guidelines relating to applications for the licence of Hackney Carriage Vehicles was detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

Members then retired to consider the application further and upon reconvening, it was

<u>RESOLVED</u>: The Sub-Committee considered the application to register MD66 WXJ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

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

Members noted that the policy could be relaxed as set out in para 2.2 of the policy, namely the exceptional interior and exterior quality and the

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exceptional standards of safety. As such, the Sub-Committee were happy to grant the licence.

#### 245. **URGENT ITEMS**

None

#### 246. **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.

- 247. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES
- 248. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR EXISTING TAXI DRIVER
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#### REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

#### 10 MARCH 2020

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER - LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

#### APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

#### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the sub-committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle.

# 2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 There is no direct link to the Corporate Plan / Other Corporate Priorities.

# 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 Andrew Jackson of Porthcawl to licence a Ford Torneo Custom vehicle registration number CK66 NEU as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle was first registered at the DVLA on 30 November 2016.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. For Members' information a service report has been submitted for the 27 December 2018 with the mileage recorded at 33031, for 31 March 2019 with mileage at 43965, for 27 May 2019 with mileage at 54634 and for 22 September 2019 with mileage at 65513. An MOT has also been submitted dated 12 November 2019 with the mileage recorded as 72270.

## 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:

- 5. Effect upon policy framework and 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications
- 7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.
- 8. Financial implications
- 8.1 None for the authority
- 9. Recommendation
- 9.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the information contained within this report.

# Kelly Watson CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Date 4 March 2020

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Hackney Carriage Vehicle Application Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy Guidelines

#### REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

#### 10 MARCH 2020

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER - LEGAL, HR AND REGULATORY SERVICES

#### APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

#### 1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the sub-committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a private hire vehicle.

# 2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

2.1 There is no direct link to the Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

# 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 Paul Brain of Bridgend to licence a Vauxhall Vivaro CDTI vehicle registration number DE15 CEU as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 12 May 2015.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. A service report has been submitted for the 17 July 2016 with the mileage recorded at 24665, 21 December 2017 with the mileage at 51335 and 7 January 2019 with mileage at 73763.

#### 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.

# 5. Effect upon policy framework and 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## 8. Financial implications

8.1 None for the authority

#### 9. Recommendation

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# 3. Background

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# 4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 Application is made by Paul Brain of Bridgend to licence a Mercedes E220 AMG vehicle registration number FG66 XGN as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 30 Septeber 2016.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. A service report has been submitted for the 20 October 2017 with the mileage recorded at 19559 and 12 March 2019 with mileage at 39788.

#### 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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- 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.

# 5. Effect upon policy framework and 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## 8. Financial implications

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#### 9. Recommendation

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# 4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 Application is made by David Llewellyn of Pyle to licence a Mercedes E Class vehicle registration number KU17 JTW as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 31July 2017.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. A service report has been submitted for the 20 September 2018 with the mileage recorded at 9913 and 17 December 2019 with mileage at 19141.

#### 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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- 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.

# 5. Effect upon policy framework and 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. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

## 8. Financial implications

8.1 None for the authority

#### 9. Recommendation

9.1 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 Mizanur Rahman of Porthcawl to licence a Mercedes E200 vehicle registration number BW68 UZS as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle was first registered at the DVLA on 28 January 2019.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. For Members' information the vehicle was previously licensed as a Hackney Carriage vehicle and the expiry date of the licence was 11 February 2020. Mr Rahman| failed to make application to renew the vehicle licence before the expiry date and unfortunately, the licence expired.

Mr Rahman does not have any service history for the 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:

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# Agenda Item 11

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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