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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 29 January 2025

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee A will be held Hybrid in the Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 4 February 2025 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 08/10/2024
- 4 Grant Of a Private Hire Vehicle License 7 - 10
- 5 Urgent Items

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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.

6 Exclusion of the Public

The reports relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as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 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.

7 Disciplinary Hearing - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

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8 Disciplinary Hearing - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

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Note: This will be a Hybrid meeting and Members and Officers will be attending in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street Bridgend / Remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be recorded for subsequent transmission via the Council's internet site which will be available as soon as practicable after the meeting. If you would like to view this meeting live, please contact cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk or tel. 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643159.

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy

Councillors:

A R Berrow

S J Bletsoe

RJ Collins

MJ Kearns

M Lewis

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

J E Pratt

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

A R Berrow

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

J E Pratt

Present Virtually

S J Bletsoe

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins and MJ Kearns

Officers:

Nick Dennison

Kirsty Evans

Mark Galvin

Nimi Chandrasena

Solicitor

Senior Licensing Officer

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Declarations of Interest

No Declarations were made.

Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Licensing SC A dated 20/08/24 were approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	08/10/2024

59. Grant Of Private Hire Vehicle Licence

Decision Made	<p>The Senior Licensing Officer presented a report which asked the Sub-Committee determine an application for the grant of private hire vehicle license which fell outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines. Thereafter the committee and the applicant left the room to inspect the vehicle.</p> <p>The Sub-Committee had before it a report from the Council's Licensing Officer which contained details of the vehicle which was the subject of the application.</p> <p>The members of the Sub-Committee then inspected the vehicle at the Council offices and the meeting was briefly adjourned for this purpose.</p> <p>Upon members returning to the meeting and the Chairperson re-opening it, it was confirmed that the registration and the mileage of the vehicle was as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicle Registration OU18 EGC - 110,825 <p>Members then discussed the following points :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was the purchase date of the vehicle• In relation to the B5 document, the number of seats mentioned in the vehicle was 6 (excluding the driver), the application was for 6 passengers and a wheelchair.• A query from a member to the Senior Licensing Officer regarding how many disabled private hire or Hackney Carriage Licenses were currently held as registered with the Local Authority.• The reason the vehicle was purchased outside the policy specifications, as the applicant was aware of the these specifications.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member asked the Applicant if he had work assignments already awaiting the vehicle under the application to which the Applicant responded that he did. <p>The applicant and the Senior Licensing Officer then left the Chamber to allow the Sub-Committee to deliberate on the facts detailed in the report and those discussed at the meeting, in order that they could reach a decision upon the application.</p> <p>Upon being summoned back into the meeting, it was.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Applicant be granted a Private Hire License for the vehicle subject of the application as though the vehicle was outside the age policy as contained in the Licensing Policy guidelines, approval was given due to the vehicle's immaculate condition and the Sub-Committee resolved to grant the above licence due to the need for wheelchair accessible vehicles within the borough, along with the fact that the quality of the vehicle remained high.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the importance of adhering to the Age Policy be stressed to the applicant, verbally and in writing, in readiness for any future applications he may be considering making in future .</p>
Date Decision Made	08/10/2024

60. Urgent Items

Decision Made	There were no urgent Items
Date Decision Made	08/10/2024

To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click the following links :

- [Part 1](#)
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- [Part 4](#)

The meeting closed at 10:35.

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Meeting of:	LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (A)
Date of Meeting:	4 FEBRUARY 2025
Report Title:	GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY
Responsible Officer:	KIRSTY EVANS LICENSING TEAM MANAGER
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	For the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee’s age policy guidelines

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to determine an application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee’s age policy guidelines.

2. Background

2.1 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. These applications are referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination where the application falls outside policy guidelines. This application is made under Section 46 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 The Council has received an application from Mr Ian Johns to licence the following vehicle as a private hire vehicle:

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Make	Vauxhall
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Model	Vivaro Combi CDTI S/S
Fuel Type	Diesel
Date of First registration	4 March 2019
Colour	Blue
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection	73,637
Registration No	CN19 LXJ
Passengers	8
Type approval category	M1
Accessible Vehicle	No

- 3.3 The age policy guidelines adopted by the Licensing Committee on 17 November 2020 to take effect from February 2021 are as follows and are published on the Council's website:

“AGE POLICY GUIDELINES

Vehicles submitted for licensing for the first time must be less than 5 years old from the date of first registration;

The only exception to the above is that Minibus type vehicles fitted with permanent automated tail lifts submitted for licensing for the first time must be less than 10 years old from the date of first registration;

Vehicles aged up to 10 years old at the time of application will be tested twice a year;

Vehicles aged over 10 years old at the time of application will be tested three times per year;

Fleet Services will issue an MOT Certificate and Declaration of Fitness Form covering the taxi and private hire vehicle elements which fall outside the MOT process;

Vehicles will be tested in accordance with the Freight Transport Association – National Inspection Standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

If you fail to submit an application to renew a vehicle licence in time, provided a completed application is received within five days of the expiry date the requirement for a vehicle to be presented to Committee is waived.

Applications for converted or modified vehicles outside the M1 Vehicle Type approval category must be accompanied by a full-service history and appropriate safety certification including a Voluntary Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) Certificate issued by the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).

If you are in any doubt about whether a vehicle falls within policy guidelines please email us for advice before you make a financial commitment.”

- 3.4 At the time of writing the report the requested vehicle is 5 years and 10 months old.

3.5 As the vehicle falls outside the age policy guidelines by being over 5 years old the Committee is requested to determine the application.

3.6 The vehicle will be presented to Committee for inspection on the day of the hearing.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 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.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding and corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Having regard to the report, the Guidelines adopted by the Licensing Committee and any representations made by Mr. Ian Johns the Sub-Committee is requested to determine this application.

Background documents

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