

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

28 JULY 2017

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To ask the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle. This application falls outside the Council's policy guidelines for the first licensing of hackney carriages.

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.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Golik Hoxha, to licence a BMW 5 Series registration number RE62 VAH as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 19 December 2012. Mr Hoxha has completed an intended use declaration that this vehicle will ply for hire predominantly in the Bridgend County Borough Council area.
- 4.2 A service history was supplied with the application and on the 29 December 2014 the mileage was recorded at 57152 miles. The last MOT for the vehicle has been provided dated 1 December 2016 and the mileage recorded was 82494 miles. The documentation is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.3 This application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the first licensing of vehicles. This includes the existing discretion to relax the hackney carriage age policy in respect of wheelchair accessible hackney carriages. The policy extract is as follows:
- 4.4 Policy Guidelines

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

(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.....”

(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.”

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 If licensed, this vehicle would not fall within the category of wheelchair accessible vehicle. 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 requested to determine the application having regard to the Council’s policy guidelines, the information contained within this report and provided by the applicant.

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Background documents

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Application Form
Hackney Carriage Policy Guidelines