

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2018

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, 31 JULY 2018 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

SE Baldwin
AA Pucella

TH Beedle
JE Williams

RJ Collins

DG Owen

Apologies for Absence

None

Officers:

Mark Galvin	Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Greg Lane	Head of Democratic Services
Andrea Lee	Senior Lawyer
Michael Pitman	Business & Administrative Apprentice
Yvonne Witchell	Team Manager Licensing

117. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

118. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the public Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee (A) dated 08 May 2018 and 05 June 2018, be approved as a true and accurate record.

119. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report, which asked 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 GF16 GBO as a private hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was preowned and was first registered at the DVLA on 30 March 2016.

The meeting was briefly adjourned for Members to inspect the vehicle.

Upon recommencing the meeting, the Team Manager (Licencing) advised members that the current mileage of the vehicle was at 32,324 miles. She stated that the vehicle fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licencing Committee. 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 the policy guidelines outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

For members' information a service history was provided which was issued on the 16 February 2018, with the mileage at that time being 32,087. The vehicle was recently inspected by an enforcement officer on the 20 July 2018 and confirmed the mileage at

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RESOLVED: The Sub-Committee considered the application to licence Vehicle Registration number GF16 GBO as a Private Hire Vehicle.

Members noted that the application falls outside the Licensing Policy at paragraph 2.1 due to the vehicles age.

Members further noted that the Policy at paragraph 2.2 allows it to be relaxed in exceptional circumstances, and examples of these were detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the Policy.

Having examined the vehicle, the Sub-Committee felt that the vehicle was exceptional in terms of its quality both interior, exterior and it's safety qualities. The Sub-committee therefore granted the licence.

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121. URGENT ITEMS

None

122. 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.

123. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

124. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

125. DISCIPLINARY HEARING FOR EXISTING TAXI DRIVER

Meeting closed at 11:40am