

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**15 JANUARY 2019**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL 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. The application falls outside the Council's policy guidelines.

**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 James Bickerstaff, to licence a Nissan NV300 vehicle registration number WD18 XTJ as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA in 29 August 2018.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee.
- 4.4 For Members' information there is no service history or supporting documentation on this vehicle as the requirement for a service has not yet been reached. An enforcement officer viewed the vehicle on 18 December 2018 and the vehicle was presented in good condition with the mileage at 429 miles.

**4.5 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.*

*(Policy 2.4) All applicants should be satisfied that they can meet all current policy requirements before submitting an application and are advised that they submit an application which falls outside the above policy guidelines at their own risk. Acceptance of an application does not infer that it will be granted. Applicants are strongly advised not to purchase a vehicle or make any other financial commitment until the application is determined."*

## **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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**Background documents**

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Application

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy Guidelines