BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

2 JULY 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.

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 Karl Svensen, to licence a Dacia Logan Diesel Estate vehicle registration number VX15 YBU as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons.

4.2   The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 22 April 2015.

4.3   The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible.

4.4   The application is accompanied by a MOT Certificate (Pass) at 27812 miles issued on 7 February 2019. A Service sheet has been supplied indicating that services were undertaken at 8209 miles on 25 April 2016, and 17147 miles on 13 July 2018.   A further transaction/operation took place on 19 June 2018 but it is not clear if this was a full service. A further service took place on 30 April 2019 at 27828 miles.

4.5   At the time this report was drafted, the MOT Check history at gov.uk indicates that there is an Outstanding manufacturer's safety recall on Dacia Logan VX15 YBU and that the vehicle should be returned to a Dacia Dealership for repairs.

4.6   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.

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 Application
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy Guidelines