

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B - TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2019 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor PA Davies – Chairperson

RM James

JE Lewis

G Thomas

Apologies for Absence

A Hussain

Officers:

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Mark Galvin

Senior Democratic Services Officer - Committees

Yvonne Witchell

Team Manager Licensing

158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

159. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee B dated 17 June and 2 July 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

160. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

The application was made by Richard Parrott to licence a Toyota Avensis, vehicle registration number MD66 WVV as a Hackney Carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 31 January 2017.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager - Licensing advised Members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 16,296 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee for the reasons outlined in the report.

The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible, but there were specific policy guidelines in respect of the first licensing of Hackney Carriage vehicles which fell outside policy guidelines, outlined in paragraph 4.6 of the report.

For Members' information, a service history had been provided dated 5 April 2019 with the mileage recorded at 16,251.

RESOLVED: The decision is as follows:

“We considered the application to register MD66 WVV as a Hackney Carriage vehicle.

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We have noted this application falls outside of policy guidelines at paragraph 2.1, however, we have noted our discretion under paragraph 2.2 to grant the licence in exceptional circumstances.

In this case we have noted the reasons for the purchase of the vehicle and its quality.

As such we are happy to grant the licence.”

161. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Private Hire vehicle.

The application was made by Gwynne Evans to licence a Mercedes E220, vehicle registration number MT17 EJE as a Private Hire vehicle to seat 4 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 29 April 2017.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager - Licensing advised Members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 31,605 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons outlined in the report.

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 policy guidelines, outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

For Members’ information, a service report had been provided by Mercedes for 8 June 2018, with the mileage recorded at 15,043 and the 17 June 2019 at 31,510.

RESOLVED: The decision is as follows:

“We have considered the application to licence MT17 EJE as a Private Hire vehicle.

We have noted that that the vehicle falls outside of our policy. However, under 2.2 we are able to relax the policy in exceptional circumstances.

Having considered the vehicle we feel that there are such exceptional circumstances present here and as such, grant the licence.”

162. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Private Hire vehicle.

The application was made by Forge Travel Limited to licence a vehicle registration number WX07 DDV, as a Private Hire vehicle to seat 8 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 6 March 2007.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle.

The Team Manager - Licensing advised Members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 19,763 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons outlined in the report. The vehicle was wheelchair accessible.

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For Members' information a service report has been provided dated 20 November 2018, with the mileage recorded at 7,529, 3 January 2019 with mileage at 10,473, 14 February 2019 with mileage at 13,543, on 8 May 2019 at 18,457 and 19 June 2019 with mileage 19,242. An MOT Test Certificate has been provided for the vehicle which expires on 27 August 2020, with the mileage recorded at 19,596. A LOLER Service Report has been submitted for the tail lift on the vehicle dated 28 May 2019.

RESOLVED: The decision is as follows:

"We have noted the application to register WX07 DDV as a wheelchair accessible Private Hire vehicle.

We have noted that this falls outside of our policy, however, under paragraph 2.2, we are able to grant the application in certain exceptional circumstances.

Having considered the vehicle we feel that there are such exceptional circumstances and grant the licence, especially in light of the fact the vehicle is wheelchair accessible."

163. APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a Private Hire vehicle.

The application was made by Robin Leigh, to licence a Mercedes S350, vehicle registration number DG62 EHW as a Private Hire vehicle to seat 5 persons. The vehicle was pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 3 September 2012

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle. Members noted that the registration number of the vehicle to that shown above had been changed to a private number plate Y6 DET

The Team Manager - Licensing advised Members that the current mileage of the vehicle was 126,129 miles. She stated that the application fell outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, for the reasons outlined in the report.

The vehicle was not wheelchair accessible.

The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. For Members' information there is an extensive service history for this vehicle. On the 5 May 2012 the mileage was recorded at 178, 10 May 2013 at 15,362, 13 September 2013 at 30,419, 23 May 2014 at 46,012, on 9 September 2014 at 60,407, on 27 May 2015 at 74,902, on 15 September 2015 at 91,317, on 3 March 2016 at 105,118 and on 16 December 2016 at 121,511. The last MOT for the vehicle shows that it was tested on 11 June 2019 with the mileage recorded at 125,362. The MOT expired on the 10 June 2020.

RESOLVED: The decision is as follows:

"We have considered the application to register Y6 DET as a Private Hire vehicle.

We have noted that the vehicle falls outside of our policy. However, under paragraph 2.2 we are able to relax the policy in exceptional circumstances.

Having considered the vehicle we feel that there are such exceptional circumstances present here, and as such grant the licence."

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164. URGENT ITEMS

None.

165. 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 item in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all circumstances relating to the item, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, because the information would be prejudicial to the applicant so mentioned.

166. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the exempt minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee B dated 17 June 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

167. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

The meeting closed at 11:02