

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

5 JANUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, HR 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 well-being objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report relates to the Council's regulatory functions. There is no direct link to the corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities.

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 An application is made by James Bickerstaff of Porthcawl to licence a Renault Traffic vehicle registration number YF66 XBY as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 28 February 2017.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. A service report has been submitted for 17 March 2018 with the mileage recorded at 14,235 and 26 November 2020 with mileage at 23,483.
- 4.4 On the 9 December 2020 an Enforcement Officer inspected the vehicle and the vehicle was found to be in good condition. A Vehicle Assessment Form is provided at Appendix A. At the time of inspection the mileage was recorded at 23,692.

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. The general guidelines for relaxation of the policy are as follows but each case will be dealt with on its merits.

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