

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (A)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>30 APRIL 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>KIRSTY EVANS LICENSING TEAM MANAGER</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>For the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider three applications for the grant of private hire vehicle licences for vehicles which fall outside the Licensing Committee guidelines</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to determine three applications for the grant of private hire vehicle licences which fall outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 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. These applications are referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination because the applications fall outside policy guidelines. The applications are made under Section 46 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

## **3. Current situation / proposal**

- 3.1 The Council has received applications from Mr Richard Singleton to licence the following vehicles as a private hire vehicles:

- 3.1.1 Application 1

Make:	Mercedes Benz
Model:	V 250 AMG Line D Auto MPV
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Date of First registration:	20 March 2018
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Five years at first application to licence
Age of vehicle at time of application:	Six years at application (1 year outside the policy)
Colour:	Black
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection:	MOT undertaken 25 July 2023 with 135,362 miles at date of test
Registration No:	SIL 66
Passengers:	7
Type approval category:	M1
Accessible Vehicle:	Not wheelchair accessible

### 3.1.2 Application 2

Make:	Mercedes Benz
Model:	S Class
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Date of First registration:	8 September 2016
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Five years at first application to licence
Age of vehicle at time of application:	Seven years and six months (2 years and 6 months outside the policy)
Colour:	Silver
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection:	MOT undertaken 29 October 2023 with 61,604 miles at date of test
Registration No:	BV66 YSB
Passengers:	4
Type approval category:	M1
Accessible Vehicle:	Not wheelchair accessible

### 3.1.3 Application 3

Make:	Mercedes Benz
Model:	S Class
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Date of First registration:	29 April 2017
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Five years at first application to licence
Age of vehicle at time of application:	Six years and eleven months (1 year and 11 months outside the policy)
Colour:	Silver
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection:	MOT undertaken 5 May 2023 with 49,670 miles at date of test
Registration No:	SA64 HOL
Passengers:	4
Type approval category:	M1
Accessible Vehicle:	Not wheelchair accessible

- 3.2 The age policy guidelines adopted by the Licensing Committee on 17 November 2020 to take effect from February 2021 are as follows and are published on the Council's website:

“AGE POLICY GUIDELINES

Vehicles submitted for licensing for the first time must be less than 5 years old from the date of first registration;

The only exception to the above is that Minibus type vehicles fitted with permanent automated tail lifts submitted for licensing for the first time must be less than 10 years old from the date of first registration;

Vehicles aged up to 10 years old at the time of application will be tested twice a year;

Vehicles aged over 10 years old at the time of application will be tested three times per year;

Fleet Services will issue an MOT Certificate and Declaration of Fitness Form covering the taxi and private hire vehicle elements which fall outside the MOT process;

Vehicles will be tested in accordance with the Freight Transport Association – National Inspection Standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

If you fail to submit an application to renew a vehicle licence in time, provided a completed application is received within five days of the expiry date the requirement for a vehicle to be presented to Committee is waived.

Applications for converted or modified vehicles outside the M1 Vehicle Type approval category must be accompanied by a full-service history and appropriate safety certification including a Voluntary Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) Certificate issued by the Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA).

If you are in any doubt about whether a vehicle falls within policy guidelines please email us for advice before you make a financial commitment.”

- 3.3 As the vehicles fall outside the age policy guidelines by being over 5 years old the Committee is requested to determine the applications.

- 3.4 The vehicles will be presented to Committee for inspection on the day of the hearing.

**4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)**

- 4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on

socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

## **5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives**

5.1 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.

## **6. Climate Change Implications**

6.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

## **7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

7.1 There are no safeguarding and corporate parent implications arising from this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 Having regard to the report, the Guidelines adopted by the Licensing Committee and any representations made by Mr. Singleton, the Sub-Committee is requested to determine applications 1-3 listed above.

## **Background documents**

None.