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| <b>Meeting of:</b>                                                        | <b>LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (B)</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>                                                   | <b>26 MAY 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Report Title:</b>                                                      | <b>GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Report Owner:<br/>Responsible Chief<br/>Officer/Cabinet<br/>Member</b> | <b>CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES,<br/>AND HR AND ELECTORAL</b>                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Responsible<br/>Officer:</b>                                           | <b>KIRSTY EVANS<br/>LICENSING TEAM MANAGER</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Policy Framework<br/>and Procedure<br/>Rules:</b>                      | <b>The report content has no direct effect upon the policy<br/>framework and procedure rules.</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>Executive<br/>Summary:</b>                                             | <b>For the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider an<br/>application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence<br/>which falls outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy<br/>guidelines</b> |

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to determine an application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence which falls 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 where the application falls outside policy guidelines.

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

- 3.1 The Council has received an application from James Bickerstaff to licence the following vehicle as a private hire vehicle:

|                                         |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Make                                    | Ford                      |
| Model                                   | Torneo                    |
| Fuel Type                               | Diesel                    |
| Date of First registration              | 31 March 2019             |
| Colour                                  | Blue                      |
| Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection | 14,653 miles (6 May 2026) |
| Registration No                         | SL19 YXE                  |
| Passengers                              | 8                         |
| Type approval category                  | M1                        |
| Accessible Vehicle                      | No                        |

A copy of the application is detailed in **Appendix A**.

3.2 The age policy guidelines effective from 1 May 2026 are as follows:

*“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*

*Vehicle testing must be an MOT Certificate and Declaration of Fitness Certificate (the additional taxi/private hire test) from any DVSA approved MOT testing station within the Bridgend County Borough administrative area. These certificates may be obtained up to 1 month prior to the requirement for testing.*

*Hackney Carriage vehicles will require a Meter Calibration Certificate upon grant or renewal of a licence. This must be dated within 1 month of submitting the application.*

*The MOT Certificate, Declaration of Fitness Certificate and Meter Calibration Certificate (if applicable) must be obtained prior to submitting an application.*

*If an applicant fails 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 At the time of writing the report the requested vehicle is 7 years and 1 month old.
- 3.4 As the vehicle falls outside the age policy guidelines by being over 5 years old the Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application.
- 3.5 The vehicle will be presented to the Sub-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 and Nature 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 James Bickerstaff the Sub-Committee is requested to determine this application.

#### **Background documents**

None.