Meeting of:	**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (B)**
Date of Meeting:	**3 NOVEMBER 2026**
Report Title:	**APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE**
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer/Cabinet Member	**CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL, REGULATORY AND ELECTORAL SERVICES**
Responsible Officer:	**KIRSTY EVANS LICENSING TEAM MANAGER**
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	**The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.**
Executive Summary:	**For the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage vehicle licence which falls outside of the Licensing Committee's age policy guidelines**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to determine an application for the grant of a hackney carriage 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.

2.2. The vehicle was previously licensed by the Council as a hackney carriage vehicle from 5 October 2018, with its most recent vehicle licence expiring on 4 October 2026. The proprietor did not submit a renewal application prior to the expiry of the licence

2.3 The proprietor has advised that the vehicle failed its MOT test and required repairs, resulting in a delay before the necessary work could be completed. A renewal application was subsequently submitted on 19 October 2026. However, as the application was received after the expiry of the vehicle licence, it cannot be treated as a renewal application and must instead be treated as an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 The Council has received an application from Forge Travel Ltd to licence the following vehicle as a hackney carriage:

Make	Hyundai
Model	I40 SE Nav
Fuel Type	Diesel
Date of First registration	28 September 2018
Colour	White
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection	163,434 miles (14 October 2026)
Registration No	CK68 CJY
Passengers	4
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 As this application must be treated as a grant application, the Council's age policy for vehicles submitted for first time licensing applies. The vehicle was first registered on 28 September 2018, and at the time of writing this report is 8 years and 1 month old.

3.4 As the vehicle exceeds the age policy requirement that vehicles submitted for first-time licensing must be less than five years old, the application falls outside the Council's age policy guidelines and 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 or nature 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 Forge Travel Ltd the Sub-Committee is requested to determine this application.

Background documents

Age Policy Guidelines Adopted by the Licensing Committee