

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

1 APRIL 2015

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 To ask the sub-committee to consider the application to grant a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 None

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. These applications are referred to Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Parrott Motors, to licence a vehicle registration number CA61DCO as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle is 9 February 2012. The previous licence has expired.
- 4.2 The vehicle was previously licensed with Bridgend County Borough Council since 9 February 2012 and the vehicle licence expired on 13 February 2015. The last recorded mileage of the vehicle was 68593 miles on the last testing on 13 August 2014 with this Authority.
- 4.3 The vehicle is submitted for consideration under the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy.
- 4.4 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:

(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.

(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 vehicle does not fall within the published guidelines for relaxing the policy, so this case must be dealt with on its merits.

(2.5) Applicants are reminded that if they fail to make application to renew an existing licence before the expiry date any subsequent application must be treated as one of grant. Any relaxation of current policies will only be granted in very exceptional circumstances. The responsibility for making an application rests solely with the licence holder. All applications of this type will normally be reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.

4.4.1 This case is referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee as the vehicle falls outside the vehicle policy for the first licensing of a hackney carriage. Renewal reminders were sent by post to Parrott Motors Ltd.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & 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. Financial Implications.

7.1 None for the Authority. The Applicant has purchased the vehicle and paid the application fee.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 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 Form
Hackney Carriage Policy Guidelines
Vehicle Testing History