

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

21 July 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 Veezu Assist Ltd, to licence a vehicle registration number CV15 OLO as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle is 14 May 2015. The vehicle is leased from Grosvenor Contracts Leasing.
- 4.2 The applicant submitted the application on 3 July 2015. On 7 July 2015, the mileage was 1,154 miles on viewing.
- 4.3 The applicant has submitted a supporting letter with the application which is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.4 The vehicle is submitted for consideration under the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy.
- 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:

(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.

4.5.1 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.

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
Applicant Supporting Letter