

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

1 MARCH 2016

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 an application for the grant of a licence for a hackney carriage vehicle. The application falls outside the Council's policy guidelines.

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.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 Application is made by Philip Evans, to licence a Peugeot Eurobus registration number SF65 FDC as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 8 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 21 December 2015. Mr Evans is the first registered keeper and submitted an application on 20 January 2016. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible.
- 4.2 The vehicle is not required to have undertaken a MOT test. The vehicle has not reached the mileage where a service is recommended but the current mileage will be established at the meeting.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee, including the existing discretion to relax the hackney carriage age policy in respect of wheelchair accessible vehicles.
- 4.4 Policy Guidelines

The 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.”

4.5 The vehicle age policy, in conjunction with specifications and standards, has been developed to ensure public safety through the quality of the taxi fleet.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 If licensed, this vehicle would not fall within the category of wheelchair accessible vehicle. 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.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 The Sub-Committee is requested to determine the application having regard to the Council's policy guidelines, the information contained within this report and provided by the applicant.

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Background documents

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Application Form
Hackney Carriage Policy Guidelines