

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

19 AUGUST 2014

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 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 Chris Jenkins, to licence a Logan Skoda Rapid vehicle registration number CF63 OFS as a hackney carriage vehicle to seat 4 persons. The date of first registration of the vehicle is 30 January 2014.
- 4.2 The completed vehicle application was submitted on 28 July 2014. On 25 July 2014, the vehicle was viewed by a Licensing Enforcement Officer and the recorded mileage was 14 miles. Therefore, no service history is provided with this application as the vehicle is less than 12 months old and has less than 10,000 miles recorded.
- 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:

Policy(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.”

Policy(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 e.g. being wheelchair accessible, so this case must be dealt with on its merits.

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.

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 not purchased the vehicle and has 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