

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2018

Present:

Councillors Dennis (Chairman), Hockin (Vice-Chairman), Austen, Evans and Prowse

Apologies:

Councillors Cook

Officers in Attendance:

Mrs Downey, Solicitor

Mrs Carpenter, Licensing Officer

Mrs Corns, Democratic Services Officer

384. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 and 26 February were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

385. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

386. APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE BD57 ZHN

The Committee adjourned to inspect the vehicle.

On reconvening the Solicitor advised on the procedure for the meeting.

The Chairman referred to the report circulated with the agenda and consideration was given to an application for an extension of a Hackney Carriage vehicle Licence registration BD57 ZHN Ford S-Max.

All vehicle licences are issued annually and Section 43 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 provides that a private hire / hackney carriage vehicle licence may only be in force for a maximum period of one year.

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy provides that vehicles being presented for subsequent licensing are required to be under ten years old. However the Council has discretion to continue to licence vehicles which are older than ten years provided that the Council is satisfied that such a vehicle is in a good condition and good state of repair, and provided that it passes the appropriate testing standard.

The Council's Policy and statutory provisions reflect the Council's responsibility to ensure that all hackney carriage and private hire vehicles are safe and fit for use.

The Licensing Officer advised that the vehicle has a valid MOT until March 2019, and passed the vehicle inspection test on 8 March 2018. The former had one advisory which has been rectified. Two potential advisory issues were identified at the time of the Inspection test and these have also been rectified.

The Applicant was in attendance at the meeting and addressed Members in support of the application.

Resolved

The Ford S-Max, BD57 ZHN is approved a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence extension, in accordance with legislation.

Reason for Decision

Having inspected the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Applicant and the Licensing Officer, the Committee is satisfied with the general standard of the vehicle, the state of repair and the condition of the vehicle. Therefore it is considered the vehicle is fit for use for the general public and paying customers.

CHARLIE DENNIS
Chairman