

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

26 NOVEMBER 2018

Present:

Councillors Dennis (Chairman), Austen and Evans and Winsor (Reserve).

Apologies:

Councillors Hockin and Prowse

Officers in Attendance:

Marie Downey, Solicitor

Hayley Carpenter, Licensing Officer

Howard Bassett, Democratic Services Officer (Exeter City Council)

271. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

272. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

273. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION

Consideration was given to an application to renew and extend a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, as set out in the report.

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 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 by members of the public.

The Licensing Officer presented the report stating that the vehicle was a Skoda Octavia, WF08 ZSR which had been first registered on 26 May 2008 and would be 10 years and 6 months old, if granted. The current Hackney Carriage licence expired on 3 January 2019. The vehicle had a current MOT that expired on 14 August 2019 and had no advisories. The vehicle was booked in for a taxi test on 20 December 2018.

The Committee Members inspection the vehicle.

The Applicant was in attendance.

Resolved

Subject to the vehicle passing a taxi test on 20 December 2018, Vehicle registration WF08 ZSR be approved for a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence renewal with a condition requiring that the vehicle have six monthly vehicle inspections.

Reason for Decision

Having inspected the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Applicant and the Licensing Officer, the Regulatory and Appeals Committee were satisfied with the general standard of the vehicle, the state of repair and the condition of the vehicle. Therefore it was considered that, subject to passing a taxi test on 20 December 2018, the vehicle was fit for use for the general public and paying customers.

274. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2018 - E2/28/57

The Chairman reported that the report on a request to confirm the provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) - The District of Teignbridge (Broadmeadow 2) Tree Preservation Order 2018 had been withdrawn for consideration to be given to further information submitted by an objector after the agenda had been published.

Resolved that the position be noted.

Chairman