

## **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2020**

Present:

Councillors Austen, Bradford, D Cox (Chair), Evans, Hayes (Vice-Chair), Hocking, Kerswell, Nutley and Rollason

Officers in Attendance:

Debbie Rosenfeldt, Licensing Officer

Beth Tipton, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

**15. APOLOGIES**

None.

**16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**17. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at a later date.

**18. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

The Chair of the committee highlighted the hard work undertaken by Cllr Austen who stepped down as Vice-Chair.

Councillor Nutley proposed that Councillor Hayes be elected Vice-Chair of the committee and this was seconded by Councillor Rollason.

A roll call was taken.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that Councillor Hayes be elected Vice-Chair of the committee.

**19. REQUEST FOR A SMALL PLATE FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - CB02 ALE**

Consideration was given to an application to display a small plate for a Volkswagen Touareg, vehicle registration CB02 ALE, registered as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and it was noted that the Vehicle has a valid MOT and is only two years old being registered in September 2018. Members considered photos of the vehicle and examples of small plates.

The Council's requirement for the display of licence plates on the rear of licensed vehicles is set out in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, paragraph 9.4 on page 27, as set out in the report circulated with the agenda.

The applicant explained what the vehicle was intended to be used for such as weddings and other special events and demonstrated why a small plate was being requested.

**Resolved**

The application to display a small plate on vehicle Volkswagen Touareg, vehicle registration CB02 ALE be approved.

**Reason for Decision**

Having considered photos of the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Licensing Officer and having heard the applicant's description of his business and the work that it entails, the Committee considered the resolution above would be best suited to the applicant whilst meeting the Council's licensing responsibilities

**20. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION - WF08 LJE**

Consideration was given to an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension for a Seat Alhambra vehicle registration WF08 LJE. The vehicle will be over 10 years old being registered in May 2008.

The Licensing Officer referred to the agenda report and the committee considered photos of the vehicle. It was noted that the vehicle had passed its MOT 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and it had passed the taxi inspection test on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The Applicant provided a written statement in support of the application.

All vehicle licences are issued annually and Section 43 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 provides that a 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. The Council has the 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 above 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.

RESOLVED - The vehicle registration WF08 LJE, Seat Alhambra, be approved for a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension, in accordance with legislation subject to four monthly taxi inspection tests due to the age of the vehicle.

**Reason for Decision**

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

**21. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION - OY60 RVP**

Consideration was given to an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension for a Volkswagen Touran vehicle registration OY60 RVP. The vehicle will be over 10 years old being registered in September 2010.

The Licensing Officer referred to the agenda report and the committee considered photos of the vehicle. It was noted that the vehicle has a valid MOT until February 2021 and it had passed the recent taxi inspection test.

The Applicant provided a written statement in support of the application.

All vehicle licences are issued annually and Section 43 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 provides that a 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. The Council has the 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 above 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.

RESOLVED - The vehicle registration OY60 RVP, Volkswagen Touran, be approved for a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension, in accordance with legislation subject to a four month taxi inspection test due to the high mileage of the vehicle and wanting to check the maintenance of the tyres following the depot inspection comment relating to the offside front tyre wearing thin.

**Reason for Decision**

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

CLLR D COX  
Chair