

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Dennis

DATE: 27 November 2017
REPORT OF: Licensing Officer
SUBJECT: Application for Stretch Limousine

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

1. PURPOSE

To consider approval of the attached application for a stretch limousine .Appendix A and request for a small plate Appendix B.

2. BACKGROUND

Section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that a district council shall not grant a licence unless they are satisfied that the vehicle is:

- *Suitable in size type and design for use as a private hire vehicle;*
- *Not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a hackney carriage;*
- *In a suitable mechanical condition;*
- *Safe;*
- *Comfortable; and*
- *That there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance.*

The conditions and requirements required to be satisfied by the Council to ensure the safety of the public and regulated standards for private hire operators, and to ensure that a minimum standard is set in the licensing of these particular vehicles was adopted by the Regulatory and Appeals Committee 26 March 2008

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 by members of the public.

The Committee has the discretion to license a vehicle if it is of the view that the vehicle is safe, fit for use and is in an acceptable condition.

It has been requested that the vehicle is made available at the hearing for inspection by the Committee should the members wish to do so.

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4. APPLICATION

Limousine – W273 YTM. The vehicle does not meet the vehicle requirements of the policy with regard to the following:

- i) The vehicle is over 10 years old. First registered 12 May 2000.

The MOT expires on 18th October 2018 and has no advisories. The vehicle passed a taxi test at Tor2 with no advisories.

5. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

With regard to the licensing of specialist vehicles and limousines additional conditions can be added to the licence in order to satisfy that the vehicle is fit for purpose and to ensure safety to the passengers. The following conditions could be attached for licensing as Private Hire.

1. All components/spare used should be bonifide and meet manufacturer's specification.
2. Plastic glasses only to be used in the vehicle

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of defending the appeal if the application is refused and the applicant appeals to the Magistrates' Court.

7. OPTIONS

- a. Grant the request, with or without the additional conditions
- b. Refuse the request.

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Wards affected	All
Contact for any more information	H Carpenter
Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	<i>Relevant legislation and Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Regulations</i> Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy
Key Decision	N
In Forward Plan	N
In O&S Work Programme	N
Community Impact Assessment attached:	N
Appendices attached:	A) Photos

