

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

28 JANUARY 2020

Present:

Councillors J Petherick (Chairman), Hayes (Vice-Chairman), Austen and Kerswell

Apologies:

Councillors Evans and Russell

Officers in Attendance:

Debbie Rosenveldt, Licensing Officer

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January, 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION WN08 LSJ

Consideration was given to an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence renewal and extension for an Alfa Romeo 159 vehicle registration WN08 LSJ. The vehicle was over 11 years old being registered in March 2008

The Committee adjourned to inspect the vehicle.

On reconvening the Licensing Officer referred to the agenda report. The Committee noted that the vehicle had a valid MOT until 28 March 2020, with no advisories, and it had passed the recent taxi inspection test.

The Applicant and her representative attended the hearing and spoke 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 WN08 LSJ, Alfa Romeo 159, be approved for a 12 month renewable Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, in accordance with legislation subject to six monthly taxi inspection tests.

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 & Appeals 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 J PETHERICK
Chairman