

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH 2021

Present:

Councillors Clarence, Evans and Hayes (Vice-Chair)

Officers in Attendance:

Licensing Officer

Democratic Services Administrative Assistant

6. APOLOGIES

No apologies.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

8. REQUEST FOR A 12 MONTH HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION - WJ07 WXY

Consideration was given to an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension for a Volkswagen Sharan vehicle registration WJ07 WXY. The vehicle was over 10 years old being registered in March 2007.

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 March 2022 with no advisories and had passed the recent taxi inspection test.

The Applicant attended 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 WJ07 WXY, Volkswagen Sharan, be approved for a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension, in accordance with legislation subject to a six monthly taxi inspection test due to the age of the vehicle.

Reason for Decision

Having considered photos of the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Applicant and the Licensing Officer, 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.

9. REQUEST FOR A 12 MONTH PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE EXTENSION - KLZ 1117

Consideration was given to an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence Extension for a Chrysler 300C vehicle registration KLZ 1117. The vehicle was 15 years old being registered in March 2006.

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 August 2021 with one advisory and it has passed the recent taxi inspection test.

The Applicant attended 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 KLZ 1117, Chrysler 300C, be approved for a 12 month Private Hire Vehicle Licence Extension, in accordance with legislation subject to a six month taxi inspection test due to the age of the vehicle.

Reason for Decision

Having considered photos of the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Applicant and the Licensing Officer, 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.

10. REQUEST FOR A SMALL PLATE FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - DW11 CAB

Consideration was given to an application to display a small plate for a BMW 220D Luxury Auto, vehicle registration DW11 CAB, registered as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and it was noted that the Vehicle had a valid MOT and was under two years old. 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 Licensing Officer explained what the vehicle was intended to be used for such as special events and executive use and demonstrated why a small plate was being requested.

RESOLVED - The application to display a small plate on vehicle BMW 220D Luxury Auto, vehicle registration DW11 CAB be approved.

Reason for Decision

Having considered photos of the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Licensing Officer, the Committee considered the resolution above would be best suited to the applicant whilst meeting the Council's licensing responsibilities

11. REQUEST FOR A SMALL PLATE FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - WF20 EET

Consideration was given to an application to display a small plate for a BMW Gran Tourer, vehicle registration WF20 EET, registered as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and it was noted that the Vehicle had a valid MOT and was under a year old. 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 Licensing Officer explained what the vehicle was intended to be used for such as special events and executive use and demonstrated why a small plate was being requested.

RESOLVED - The application to display a small plate on vehicle BMW Gran Tourer, vehicle registration WF20 EET be approved.

Reason for Decision

Having considered photos of the vehicle, read all written material, and listened to the representation by the Licensing Officer, the Committee considered the resolution above would be best suited to the applicant whilst meeting the Council's licensing responsibilities

CLLR R Hayes
Chairman