

REGULATORY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2018

Present:

Councillors Dennis, Hockin, Prowse and Jones (Reserve)

Apologies:

Councillors Austen, Cook and Evans

Officers in Attendance:

Marie Downey, Solicitor

Hayley Carpenter, Licensing Officer

Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer

23. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Hockin, seconded by Councillor Prowse, and

Resolved

That Councillor Dennis is elected Chairman for the 2018 -19 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Prowse, seconded by Councillor Jones and

Resolved

That Councillor Hockin is elected Vice Chairman for the 2018-19 Municipal Year

24. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of Interest.

26. REQUEST RENEW AND EXTEND A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE MERCEDES KV08 XOC

The Committee adjourned to inspect the vehicle.

On reconvening the Solicitor advised on the procedure for the meeting.

The Chairman referred to the report circulated with the agenda and consideration was given to an application to renew and extend a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for vehicle registration KV08 XOC Mercedes CDi.

All vehicle licences are issued annually and 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 10 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 provided 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 advised that the vehicle past the MOT and vehicle inspection tests on 30 April 2018, with no advisories. Marks on the bonnet noted during the vehicle inspection test have been removed and the appearance of the alloys have been improved.

The Applicant was in attendance at the meeting and addressed Members in support of the application.

Resolved

Vehicle registration KV08 XOC Mercedes CDi is approved a 12 month Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence renewal and extension, in accordance with legislation, subject to a six monthly vehicle inspection test.

Reason for Decision

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

CHARLIE DENNIS
Chairman