

LICENSING PANEL

Friday, 9 February 2024

Present: Councillor A Hodson (Chair)
G Davies
J Stewart Laing

116 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Panel were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

117 HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - RENAULT TRAFIC, REGISTRATION NUMBER PO62 HXF

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Renault Trafic, registration PO62 HXF, outside the current age policy for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

The proprietor's vehicle, licence reference HV93, registration number SF60 BYS was suspended from 8 September 2023 following a road traffic collision. The vehicle licence was due to expire on 27 February 2024, however the vehicle could not be repaired in order for the licence to be renewed. Due to these circumstances, the application was submitted to change the vehicle that was currently subject to the licence to the Renault Trafic, registration number PO62 HXF.

The date of first registration of the vehicle was 5 of September 2012. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which was inspected by Members.

Resolved – That the application to license the Renault Trafic, registration number PO62 HXF as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle be granted for six months.

118 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - PEUGEOT EXPERT E7, REGISTRATION NUMBER SH56 KYJ**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Peugeot Expert E7, registration SH56 KYJ, outside the current age policy for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

The vehicle was first licensed on 24 of November 2008. Due to a medical condition of the proprietor, the licence was suspended on 23 May 2023 and subsequently expired on 23 November 2023. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 10 of November 2006.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which was inspected by Members.

Resolved – That the application to license the Peugeot Expert, registration number SH556 KYJ as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle be granted subject to the advisories on the vehicle's MOT certificate being remedied and a clear MOT pass certificate being presented to Licensing Officers.

119 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - IVECO-FORD DAILY, REGISTRATION NUMBER WA60 EWG**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Iveco-Ford Daily, registration number WA60 EWG, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 31 August 2018 and the current licence was due to expire on 16 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 20 December 2010.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

Representatives of the proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Iveco-Ford Daily, registration number WA60 EWG, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

120 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - RENAULT TRAFIC, REGISTRATION NUMBER LX61 DGE**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Renault Trafic, registration number LX61 DGE, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 3 September 2018 and the current licence was due to expire on 21 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 21 February 2012.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

Representatives of the proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Renault Trafic, registration number LX61 DGE, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

121 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS ESTATE, REGISTRATION NUMBER MK14 VVO**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Auris Estate, registration number MK14 VVO, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 11 January 2022 and the current licence was due to expire on 3 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 4 March 2014.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Toyota Auris Estate, registration number MK14 VVO, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

122 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - HYUNDAI I30 ACTIVE, REGISTRATION NUMBER EY14 WSX**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Hyundai i30 Active, registration number EY14 WSX, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 1 February 2023 and the current

licence was due to expire on 10 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 4 March 2014.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Hyundai i30 Active, registration number EY14 WSX, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

123 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - MERCEDES-BENZ B180, REGISTRATION NUMBER WU14 SPV**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Mercedes-Benz B180, registration number WU14 SPV, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 24 July 2019 and the current licence was due to expire on 29 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 1 March 2014.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Mercedes-Benz B180, registration number WU14 SPV, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

124 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT, REGISTRATION NUMBER MF14 OTD**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Volkswagen Passat, registration number MF14 OTD, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 17 August 2017 and the current licence was due to expire on 16 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 27 March 2014.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Volkswagen Passat, registration number MF14 OTD, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

125 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AVENSIS, REGISTRATION NUMBER MX63 AKJ**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Avensis, registration number MX63 AKJ, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 8 August 2014 and the current licence was due to expire on 3 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 4 September 2013.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor and the licenced driver of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Toyota Avensis, registration number MX63 AKJ, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

126 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS ESTATE, REGISTRATION NUMBER DF13 KTD**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Auris Estate, registration number DF13 KTD, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 5 October 2017 and the last licence expired on 25 December 2023 as the proprietor did not apply to renew their licence before the expiry date. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 26 June 2013.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle and their partner attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Toyota Auris Estate, registration number DF13 KTD, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

127 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - FORD MONDEO, REGISTRATION NUMBER LT14 JPY**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Ford Mondeo, registration number LT14 JPY, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 9 January 2020 and the current licence was due to expire on 23 February 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 14 March 2014.

The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Ford Mondeo, registration number LT14 JPY, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

128 **EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved - That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest Test had been applied and favoured exclusion.

129 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION - (BVV)**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services submitted a report for Members to consider whether BVV should be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence.

BVV attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application. BVV responded to questions from Members of the Panel and the legal advisor to the Panel.

Members gave due consideration to the representations made and exercised their rights to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

Resolved – That BVV's application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.

130 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION - (WS)**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services submitted a report for Members to consider whether WS should be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence.

WS attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application. WS responded to questions from Members of the Panel and the legal advisor to the Panel.

Members gave due consideration to the representations made and exercised their rights to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

Resolved – That WS’s application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.