

REGULATORY PANEL

Thursday, 26 November 2020

Present: Councillor A Hodson (Chair)

Councillors G Davies
AER Jones
S Williams

Apologies: Councillor D Mitchell

The Chair announced that this meeting was being held virtually, was being webcast and a record would be retained.

5 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.

6 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - RENAULT SCENIC, REGISTRATION NUMBER NA60 PMO

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence a Renault Scenic, registration number NA60 PMO, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed private hire vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved – That the application be deferred to a future meeting of the Regulatory Panel should the applicant wish to pursue the matter.

7 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA PRIUS, REGISTRATION NUMBER AU60 ZXW

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence a Toyota Prius, registration number AU60 ZXW, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 19 February 2014 and the licence expired on 25 November 2020. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 25 November 2010. The vehicle had been examined at one of the

Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate was available for Members together with photographs of the vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting by way of video conference and Members of the Panel inspected photographs of the vehicle.

Resolved – That the application to licence the Toyota Prius, registration number AU60 ZXW for six months be granted.

8 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA PRIUS, REGISTRATION NUMBER PY10 EVC

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence a Toyota Prius, registration number PY10 EVC, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 15 October 2015 and the licence expired on 25 November 2020. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 28 May 2010. On expiry of a previous licence on 19 April 2020 an application to grant a six month licence had been granted under delegated authority. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate was available for Members together with photographs of the vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting by way of phone call and Members of the Panel inspected photographs of the vehicle.

Resolved – That the application to licence the Toyota Prius, registration number PY10 EVC, for six months be granted.

9 APPLICATION TO LICENSE A SEAT ARONA AS A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence a Seat Arona as a Private Hire Vehicle.

In September 2017 Members of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The criteria were set out within Appendix 1 attached to the report. A copy of the vehicle brochure providing further information regarding the vehicle specification was attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

Members of the Regulatory Panel were asked to consider whether they were satisfied whether the Seat Arona complied with the Council's criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles and whether it was a suitable vehicle to be licensed. Should this be the case Members were further asked to consider whether to license the Seat Arona, registration number DG68 CXC as a Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's

authorised testing stations and the pass certificate was available for Members together with photographs of the vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting by way of phone call and Members of the Panel inspected photographs of the vehicle.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Seat Arona be considered as a suitable vehicle to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle.**
- (2) That the application to licence the Seat Arona, registration number DG68 CXC as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted.**

10 **APPLICATION TO LICENSE THE RENAULT TRAFIC NX8 AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE**

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence a Renault Trafic NX8 as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

At a meeting of the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee on 25 November 2015, Members resolved that the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel. The criteria for licensing these vehicles were set out within Appendix 1 attached to the report.

Members of the Regulatory Panel were asked to consider whether they were satisfied that the Renault Trafic NX8 complied with the Council's criteria for licensing Hackney Carriage Vehicles and that it was a suitable vehicle to be licensed. Should this be the case Members were further asked to consider whether to licence the Renault Trafic NX8, registration number PO11 FSP as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificate was available for Members together with photographs and other documentation relating to the vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle attended the meeting by way of video conference, together with Mr D Cummins, Trade Union representative. Members of the Panel inspected photographs of the vehicle and the documentation relating to the vehicle.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Renault Trafic NX8 be considered as a suitable vehicle to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.**

(2) That the application to licence the Renault Traffic NX8, registration number PO11 FSP as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle be granted.

11 APPLICATION TO LICENSE AN LTI TX4 AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to licence an LTI TX4, registration number DK09 DCO as a Hackney Carriage Vehicle.

The proprietor of the vehicle was unable to attend the meeting, however he had requested that the matter be determined in his absence.

Members of the Regulatory Panel requested that the applicant attend the meeting in order for the matter to be considered and further information be provided.

Resolved – That the application to licence an LTI TX4, registration number DK09 DCO be deferred until a future meeting of the Regulatory Panel with the applicant in attendance.