

LICENSING PANEL**29 AUGUST 2018**

REPORT TITLE	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION
REPORT OF	CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to consider an application to license the following vehicles as private hire vehicles outside the Council's Policy in respect of vehicles undertaking work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments:

Mercedes Sprinter 413, registration number WX04 YAH

Mercedes Sprinter 413, registration number WV52 NVR

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Licensing Panel considers whether or not to license the vehicles outside the Council's Policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Panel to determine applications for private hire vehicle licences where the vehicle does not comply with the Council's criteria and conditions.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 18 July 2018 Members of the Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee approved revised criteria and conditions in respect of vehicles undertaking work exclusively under and in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments. The criteria states that:
- Vehicles must be under 10 years of age from the date of manufacture or date of first registration, whichever is the earliest.
 - Once a vehicle reaches 6 years of age it will be required to be tested every six months and a six monthly licence will be issued.
 - Any vehicle which is more than 9 years and 6 months old will be issued with a licence that will expire on the day before it reaches 10 years old
- 3.2 Prior to 18 July 2018 there was no age limit for vehicles undertaking school contract work.
- 3.3 The applicant is A2B Travel (UK) Ltd who have a number of contracts issued by the Corporate Director for Strategy and Partnerships to transport children to and from educational establishments.
- 3.4 The contracts that have been awarded to A2B Travel require that the vehicles used to transport children are fitted with a tail lift. In preparation for the new school year in September 2018 the company have applied to license two vehicles with tail lifts which they have owned for four years and which have previously been licensed as public service vehicles (PSV). Seats have been removed from the vehicles to reduce the capacity from sixteen to eight passengers and the V5s (log books) have been changed with the DVLA. As these vehicles are no longer adapted to carry more than eight passengers they are not subject to the Public Service Vehicles to undertake work for hire and reward. The vehicles are both over ten years old.
- 3.5 Mr Evans, on behalf of A2B Travel (UK) Ltd, is requesting Members consider granting licences outside the current Policy as the vehicles were purchased before 18 July 2018.

3.6 The vehicles have been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and results of the tests will be reported to Members at the meeting.

3.7 The vehicles will be available for inspection at the meeting.
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4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 A decision of this Panel can be subject to appeal.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are safety implications arising out of this report due to the safety aspects of private hire vehicles.

ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date