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LICENSING PANEL

Friday, 8 March 2024

Present: Councillor A Hodson (Chair)
Councillors S Bennett L Luxon-Kewley
G Davies J Stewart Laing

133 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.

134 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - RENAULT MASTER, REGISTRATION EX59 GNK

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Renault Master, registration number EX59 GNK, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 21 March 2019 and the current licence was due to expire on 19 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 21 September 2009.

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 licence the Renault Master, registration number EX59 GNK, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

135 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - CITROEN RELAY, REGISTRATION NUMBER GN61, JWV

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Citroen Relay, registration number GN61 JWV, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first

been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 23 October 2018 and the current licence was due to expire on 8 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 9 January 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.

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

Resolved – That the application to licence the Citroen Relay, registration number GN61 JVW, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months. That the vehicle be issued with a Conditions Notice requiring the furthest rear seat on the driver's side of the vehicle to be re-upholstered and for the seatbelts to comply with the conditions of the Private Hire Vehicle licence. All work to be completed no later than 22 March 2024.

136 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - FORD TOURNEO,
REGISTRATION NUMBER AJ12 NVA**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Ford Tourneo, registration number AJ12 NVA, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 23 December 2019 and the current licence was due to expire on 8 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 13 June 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.

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

Resolved – That the application to licence the Ford Tourneo, registration number AJ12 NVA, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months

137 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS,
REGISTRATION NUMBER DG14 AKY**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Auris, registration number DG14 AKY, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 29 November 2016 and the current licence was due to expire on 3 April 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 4 April 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 licence the Toyota Auris, registration number DG14 AKY, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

138 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - AUDI A5, REGISTRATION NUMBER KX63 ZKV**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Audi A5, registration number KX63 ZKV, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 9 June 2021 and the current licence was due to expire on 8 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 2 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 of the vehicle attended the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to licence the Audi A5, registration number KX63 ZKV, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

139 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS, REGISTRATION NUMBER YS14 ESF**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Auris, registration number YS14 ESF, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 26 March 2022 and the current licence was due to expire on 25 March 2024. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 31 May 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 licence the Toyota Auris, registration number YS14 ESF, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

140 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS,
REGISTRATION NUMBER SN14 UAZ**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application received to license a Toyota Auris, registration number SN14 UAZ, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 6 December 2018 and the current licence was due to expire on 8 March 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 licence the Toyota Auris, registration number SN14 UAZ, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

141 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE APPLICATION - HYUNDAI TUCSON,
REGISTRATION NUMBER EN70 ACZ**

The Director of Law and Corporate Services reported upon an application to license a Hyundai Tucson, registration number EN70 ACZ, as a Private Hire Vehicle, outside the current criteria for licensing Private Hire Vehicles, which states that the side and rear windows must allow 70% of light to be transmitted through.

The current criteria that vehicles must comply with before being granted a Private Hire Vehicle Licence as set out in the Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy states that: The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and all other windows must let at least 70% of light through. It was reported that the date of first registration of the vehicle was 28 January 2021.

The applicant attended the meeting with the vehicle which the Panel inspected.

Members considered carefully the responses given by the applicant.

Resolved – That the application to license the Hyundai Tucson, registration number EN70 ACZ be refused.

142 **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.

143 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION - (NJ)**

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

NJ attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application. NJ 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 NJ’s application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.

144 **PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE APPLICATION - (AC)**

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

AC attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application. AC 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 AC’s application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.

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