

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Registration and Licensing Committee

16th May 2016

Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licensing

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider an application from Stuart Michael for a new hackney carriage vehicle licence, where the vehicle licence was not renewed prior to expiry.

Executive Summary

2. This report is to consider an application from Stuart Michael for a new hackney carriage vehicle licence, where the vehicle licence was not renewed prior to expiry.
3. Officers only have delegated authority to grant a vehicle licence, where the vehicle meets the specifications set out in the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.
4. In this circumstance, the vehicle does not meet the required specifications as it is not wheelchair accessible; the application must therefore be determined by members.

Background

5. Hackney carriage vehicle licences are issued for 1 year, at the end of which it is necessary for the licence holder to apply to renew the licence. Where a licence expires, it cannot be renewed and it is necessary for a new application to be made.
6. All vehicles are required to meet the specifications as set out in the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.
7. The Council's Taxi Licensing Policy states that vehicles that are to be issued with a new licence must be wheelchair accessible.
8. There are currently 267 hackney carriage vehicles licensed by the authority, 91 of which are wheelchair accessible.
9. Stuart Michael currently has 18 licensed vehicles, 3 of which are wheelchair accessible.

Officer Report

10. A letter was sent to Stuart Michael on the 1st February 2016 inviting him to apply to renew the licence of hackney carriage vehicle licence number HV072, Registration FR12 VVN.
11. No application was received and consequently the vehicle licence expired on the 25th April 2016.
12. A new application was received on the 28th April 2016. The application is effectively to re-licence the expired vehicle.
13. The vehicle passed the Council's vehicle examination on the 11th April 2016.

Equality Impact Assessment

14. Not Applicable

Legal Impacts

15. Not Applicable

Risk Management

16. Not applicable

Consultation

17. Not applicable

Recommendation

18. The Registration and Licensing Committee are being asked to consider the application after hearing all submissions.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

19. It is considered the matters reported should be determined by the Registration and Licensing Committee.

Implementation of Decision

20. The decision is for immediate implementation

Appendices

21. Not applicable

List of Background Papers

22. Neath Port Talbot CBC - Taxi Licensing Policy

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