

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Registration and Licensing Committee

4th December 2017

Report of the Head of Legal Services – David Michael

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

Private Hire Vehicle Licensing

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a request from Mr D W Jones, of "D W Executive Travel", 13 Rowan Tree Avenue, Baglan, Port Talbot, who has a current private hire operator's licence. Mr Jones has requested that consideration be given to granting him an exemption to display door signs and a rear back plate on a proposed private hire vehicle.

Executive Summary

2. This report is to consider a request from Mr Jones, of "D W Executive Travel" who is a current private hire operator.
3. Mr Jones has requested that consideration be given to granting him an exemption to display doors signs and a rear back plate on a proposed private hire vehicle, namely an E Class Mercedes.
4. Members have previously granted such exemptions where a business is to cater exclusively for executive / novelty purposes.

Background

5. Mr Jones is the owner of a business that trades under the name "D W Executive Travel".
6. Mr Jones currently holds a private hire operator licence, a private hire vehicle licence and a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence.
7. Officers have confirmed that Mr Jones is requesting an exemption from displaying door signs and a back plate, although his written request suggests he is requesting an exemption from licensing all together.
8. Mr Jones' request for an exemption for displaying door signs and a back plate is attached at appendix 1.

Officer Report

9. The Council has adopted a Taxi Policy which specifies conditions that a licensed private hire vehicle must comply with.
10. The Policy states that a private hire vehicle shall display the door signs and back plate externally on the vehicle.
11. Members have previously granted exemptions to private hire operators from displaying door signs and back plates on their vehicles. Members were satisfied on these occasions that the display of door signs and back plates would impact adversely on the type of private hire business being provided e.g. executive / novelty purposes.
12. Members also need to be satisfied that any exemption granted, does not impact upon public safety

Equality Impact Assessment

13. Not Applicable

Legal Impacts

14. Not Applicable

Risk Management

15. Not applicable

Consultation

16. Not applicable

Recommendation

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision

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

Implementation of Decision

19. The decision is for immediate implementation

Appendices

20. Appendix 1 - Request from Mr Jones

List of Background Papers

21. Neath Port Talbot CBC - Taxi Licensing Policy

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Appendix 1 - Request from Mr Jones

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19th October 2017



Dear Sir / Madam

At present I have an full operators license for an 8 seater Mercedes Vito which is licensed by Neath Port Talbot Council.

I would like to be exempt from licensing a vehicle E Class Mercedes as it is my intention to use the vehicle for funerals, weddings and executive work only.

I hope I am successful with my application and await your reply

Yours sincerely

D W Jones