

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Registration and Licensing Committee**

12th February 2018

### **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 for an exemption from displaying door signs and a rear plate on a private hire vehicle.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. This report is to consider a request from Mr Phillips of "About Wales Guides".
3. Mr Phillips has requested that consideration be given to granting him an exemption to display doors signs and a rear back plate on his private hire vehicle, a Hyundai i800.
4. Members have previously granted such exemptions where a business is to cater exclusively for executive / novelty purposes.

## **Background**

5. Mr Phillips is the owner of a business that trades under the name "About Wales Guides".
6. Mr Phillips currently holds a private hire operator licence, a private hire vehicle licence and a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence.
7. Mr Phillips is requesting an exemption from displaying door signs and a back plate on his private hire vehicle as he feels that it will impact on his business.
8. Mr Phillips' 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 Phillips.

## **List of Background Papers**

21. Neath Port Talbot CBC - Taxi Licensing Policy

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