

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

LICENSING ACT 2003

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **DECISION NOTICE**

**WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

3 **REQUEST TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF TWO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Meeting: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Present: Councillor P Jackson (Chairman)  
Councillor B Johnson  
Councillor B Hughes

Ms N de Bruin

Legal Services Solicitor

Vehicles: Renault Master, Registration BU05 DVA, and,  
Renault Master, Registration SX55 APZ

Attending:

- Mr G Goldstraw, Applicant, with Ms K Clowes supporting
- Mr T Towers: Senior Officer (Housing, Public Health and Licensing)

#### **Introduction**

The hearing was called to consider a request for a grant of two Private Hire Vehicle Licences outwith the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2016 ('the Policy')

No interests were declared.

The Licensing Officer confirmed there were no new matters arising. Having read the papers and listened to what the attendees had to say the Sub-Committee made the following decision:

#### **Decision**

The Sub-Committee considered the report before them and representation made to them. They determined to approve both applications to licence the proposed vehicles as requested for 12 months.

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**Reasons**

The purpose of the mileage limitation in the policy was to ensure that private hire vehicles that are likely to be running at high mileage annually would be suitable for such use, both in terms of engine robustness, safety and condition of the interior of the vehicle.

While grant of the licences was outwith the Council's policy these vehicles were highly specialist vehicles that were known to have been regularly and well maintained throughout their entire past operation. The internal condition of the vehicle appeared to be relatively good and the mileage was not significantly above the policy limit. In addition this particular operator had their own garage facilities and appeared to have robust maintenance procedures.

Granting the licences would add to the limited number of vehicles capable of carrying more than one disabled passenger at the same time in the District and so was to be welcomed at a time when provision of such transport by the County Council appeared to be decreasing and there appeared to be a need for vehicles suitably adapted to carry passengers with mobility needs in the District.

Dated 14 March 2018

Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee

The meeting closed at 10.45 am

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman \_\_\_\_\_Date