

At a meeting of the Licensing Regulatory Panel held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 2.00 pm

Members

Councillor Allan Daniels
Councillor Daniel Horsley
Councillor Ron Munby MBE

Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Elaine Lynch

Staff Present

D Fletcher, L Jardine, J Morgan and S Sewell

27. Election of Chair

Councillor Ron Munby was elected chair for the ensuing meeting

28. Declaration of Interests

None Declared

29. Questions

None Received

30. To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle

This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

31. To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle

The Licensing and Compliance Officer submitted a report for the Licensing Regulatory Panel to consider a vehicle for licence which does not meet the criteria of Allerdale Borough Councils Vehicle Age Policy.

The Applicant was in attendance at the meeting.

The Application was to consider whether the council departs from the conditions of its Vehicle Age Policy and agree to grant the hackney carriage vehicle licence for any period up to one year.

The vehicle has held a hackney carriage licence which expired on 1 June 2019. The applicant submitted an application to renew on 25 May 2019 but the vehicle was not presented to be licensed until 5 June 2019. As the licence had expired on the 1 June 2019 the application was accepted as a new vehicle. As the vehicle is over four years old it falls outside the Vehicle Age Policy.

The officer's recommendation was to refuse the licence.

The applicant provided his representations and explained he had an appointment to renew the vehicle licence on time, but due to delays with the engineers, he could not submit the application until 5 June 2019 – the date of the next available customer services appointment.

The Licensing and Compliance Officer and the applicant then left the meeting while the panel considered the application.

Members considered the application, the officer's report, and representations from the applicant and advice from officers. The Panel also considered relevant legislation, the Vehicle Age Policy and the purposes of the licencing objectives.

Councillor Daniels moved the motion to grant the hackney vehicle licence for 1 year.

This was seconded by Councillor Horsley

A vote followed the motion, 5 voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

The motion was carried.

The Licensing and Compliance Officer and the applicant returned to the meeting.

The applicant was informed of the decision and its reasons.

Decisions/Reasons

Members considered the application, the officer's report, representations from the applicant and advice from officers. The Panel also considered relevant legislation and the Council's Vehicle Age Policy.

The Panel decided to grant the licence for one year, delegating the power thereafter to the Licensing and Compliance Officer for any subsequent renewal.

Members noted that the relevant work had been completed and that the independent engineer's report found the vehicle to be roadworthy and safe when it was inspected on 23 May 2019. Some of the difficulties the applicant faced were outside of his control in respect of making an appointment following the work required.

If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Panel, they can appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the decision.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm

