

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday, 17 December 2019

Application for Grant of Private Hire Car Licence – LPG Conversion

Executive/routine

Wards

All

Council Commitments

N/A

Executive Summary

A new application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Licence for a vehicle converted to LPG has been received from Kenneth Fowler. The current policy allows applications to be granted for vehicles which are currently within the existing fleet. As this vehicle is not currently within the fleet the application is referred to the committee for consideration of whether to make an exemption to policy.

This report sets out relevant sections of the policy background which should be considered when determining this application.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 notes the contents of this report; and
 - 1.1.2 grants the application attaching standard conditions

2. Background

- 2.1 The requirement to hold a Private Hire Car ('PHC') Licence is detailed in the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ('the Act'). The procedures for processing such applications and considering objections etc. are set out in the Act.
- 2.2 On 16 March 2018 the Regulatory Committee agreed to amend its policy with respect to the age and emissions standard of licensed vehicles in Edinburgh's Taxi and Private Hire Car ('PHC') fleet.
- 2.3 On 7 May 2018 the Regulatory Committee agreed the new licensing conditions that would allow this policy to come into effect.
- 2.4 This policy stated that LPG converted vehicles may be licensed from within the existing fleet where relevant documentation has been received and the vehicle has been satisfactorily examined by the Taxi Examination Centre.
- 2.5 On 20 May 2019 the Regulatory Committee resolved to refer applications for new vehicles not previously within the fleet that have been converted to LPG to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.
- 2.6 The committee can add other reasonable conditions as it sees fit, if it is minded to grant the licence.

3. Main report

- 3.1 A new application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Licence has been received from Kenneth Fowler for a Toyota Prius (registration number YF12 LTY) which has been converted to LPG.

- 3.2 The relevant vehicle has been inspected by the Taxi Examination Centre and found to be suitable for use as a Private Hire Car.
- 3.3 As officers do not have delegated authority to grant new applications for LPG converted vehicles, the application is referred to the committee for determination.
- 3.4 The applicant or his representative have been invited to address the committee.
- 3.5 After hearing from the applicant, it is recommended that members of the committee then hear from Executive Director of Place or his representative regarding this report.

4 Measures of success

- 4.1 Not relevant, as decisions on individual licences must be considered on their own merits.

5 Financial impact

- 5.1 All associates costs are contained within the existing Licensing budget.

6 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The process outlined takes account of the relevant statutory provisions.
- 6.2 The applicant has a right of appeal against any decision made. The appeal would be made to the Sheriff Court.

7 Equalities impact

- 7.1 There is no equalities impact arising from the contents of this report.

8 Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There is no environmental impact arising from the contents of this report.

9 Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 None.

10 Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Age Limitation and Emissions Standards for Taxis and Private Hire Cars – update](#) report to Regulatory Committee on 20 May 2019.

11 Appendices

- 11.1 None