

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held at Blackdown House, Honiton on 18 September 2019

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The meeting started at 11.30 am and ended at 12.00 pm

6 Minutes of the meeting held on 28th August 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee held on 28th August 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

7 Declarations of interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

8 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

9 Confidential/exempt items

There were no confidential items.

10 Determination of an application to licence a Private Hire vehicle which does not conform with the Council's vehicle specifications policy with regard to engine capacity

Members noted that it was the district council's current policy that on initial licensing as a private hire, a vehicle must not be less than 1000cc. The policy recognises the positive impact that low and zero emission vehicles have on the environment. Members considered a request to licence a Nissan Leaf with an engine capacity below 1000cc. This was a hybrid electric vehicle with an engine capacity of 0cc and met with the Council's climate change agenda.

Members noted that it was the intention to change the Private Hire & Taxi Licensing Policy at the October meeting to include reference to Zero Emission electric vehicles with a 0cc engine rating. Bearing in mind that electric only vehicles had a shorter operating range.

RESOLVED that the application to licence a black Nissan Leaf vehicle registration number, WJ19 MHF as a private hire vehicle be approved and an exception be made to the Council's present policy it was agreed to licence the vehicle. Being a hybrid electric vehicle it falls outside of the criteria in the policy agreed by Council being below 1000cc engine capacity.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

K Bloxham (Vice-Chairman)

S Jackson

P Jarvis (Chairman)

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Peter Faithfull

Officers in attendance:

Giles Salter, Solicitor

Steve Saunders, Licensing Manager

Lucy Maxwell, Licensing Officer

Chris Lane, Democratic Services Officer

Chairman

Date: