



Cyngor **Abertawe**
Swansea Council

**Report of the Divisional Officer
Licensing, Food & Safety**

General Licensing Committee - 9 February 2018

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
1976 – Restricted Private Hire Vehicle –
Request for Exemption from Displaying Door Decals –
Restricted Private Hire Vehicle RV 293 –
Mr Jeff Lang**

1. Mr Lang is the proprietor of restricted private hire vehicle RV 293 vehicle registration mark KY58 ZBP, a silver Chrysler 300C.
2. In December 2017 Mr Lang submitted an application to licence the silver Chrysler stating on the application form that the vehicle was to be used for Airports and Executive Hire only.
3. **Current Condition**
 - 3.1 On 8th September 2017, Members considered a report to require all restricted private hire vehicles to display licence plates and door stickers and the conditions were amended to state:

“Vehicle plates and stickers must be securely fixed to the vehicle. The vehicle plate is to be fixed on the bumper bar or boot lid/rear door between centre line and the offside of the vehicle. Stickers must be affixed to the front and offside doors of the vehicle. The plate and stickers must be kept clearly visible at all times. The vehicle plate must be returned to the Council on expiry of the licence.”
 - 3.2 The main concern was that restricted vehicles were hard to identify as licensed vehicles without the licence plate and stickers affixed to the vehicle. See attached copy of the report from 8th September 2017 at Appendix A.

4. The Request

4.1 On 22nd December 2017 Mr Lang submitted a request from displaying door stickers on his restricted private hire vehicle RV 293. The reasons for the request are that the only jobs which the vehicle will be used for are weddings, executive hire and airports and by not displaying the door stickers the vehicle will look less like a taxi and more appealing to executive clients. The vehicle will not be used for school runs.

5. Consideration

5.1 The General Licensing Committee is requested to determine whether to:

- i) approve the request by Mr Lang for an exemption from displaying door stickers on his restricted private hire vehicle RV 293; or
- ii) refuse the request by Mr Lang for an exemption from displaying door stickers on his restricted private hire vehicle RV 293, giving full reasons for the decision.

The General Licensing Committee's instructions are requested.

Background Papers: Licence Application
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