



Cyngor **Abertawe**
Swansea Council

**Report of the Licensing and
Food & Safety Manager
General Licensing Committee
13th July 2018**

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
1976 – Restricted Private Hire Vehicle –
Request for Exemption from Displaying the Door
Stickers and the Licence Plate –
Restricted Private Hire Vehicle RV 181, 208 and 245 –
Mr Paul Thomas Finch**

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Mr Finch is the restricted private operator of Three Cliffs Cars and proprietor of 3 restricted private hire vehicles:
- RV 181 a white Ford Transit, vehicle registration mark CV60 XBD, licence expiring 31st December 2018;
 - RV 208 a silver Vauxhall Vivaro, vehicle registration mark DK63 CRF, licence expiring 31st July 2018;
 - RV 245 a silver Ford Tourneo, vehicle registration mark CV62 VBK, licence expiring 31st July 2018.

2.0 Current Condition

- 2.1 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.”

- 2.2 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.

3.0 The Request

- 3.1 On 12th June 2018 Mr Finch submitted a request for an exemption from displaying the door stickers and licence plates on the exterior of his restricted private hire vehicles. The reasons for the request are that whilst he has been operating for 10 years, he no longer carries out taxi work and does not have any school contracts, he only takes passengers to and from various Air/Sea Ports throughout England and Wales providing an executive service and does not wish to be identified as a Taxi as it would detract from his level of service to look like a private hire vehicle. Mr Finch therefore requests to display the windscreen ID licence.

4.0 'Executive' Hire

- 4.1 An exemption from the requirement to display a plate, granted by the local authority under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 75(3). This states:
- (3) Where a licence under section 48 of this Act is in force for a vehicle, the council which issued the licence may, by a notice in writing given to the proprietor of the vehicle, provide that paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of that section shall not apply to the vehicle on any occasion specified in the notice or shall not so apply while the notice is carried in the vehicle; And on any occasion on which by virtue of this subsection that paragraph does not apply to a vehicle section 54(2)(a) of this Act shall not apply to the driver of the vehicle”.

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5.0 Consideration

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

- i) approve the request by Mr Finch for an exemption from displaying the door stickers and licence plates on his restricted private hire vehicles RV 181, RV 208 and RV 245; or
- ii) refuse the request by Mr Finch for an exemption from displaying the door stickers and licence plates on his restricted private hire vehicles RV 181, RV 208 and RV 245, giving full reasons for the decision.

The General Licensing Committee's instructions are requested.

Background Papers: Licence Application
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