



Cyngor **Abertawe**
Swansea Council

**Report of the Licensing and
Food & Safety Manager
General Licensing Committee
10th August 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 178 and 308 –
Mr Paul Matthews**

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The following report was deferred from the meeting of July 2018 as Mr Matthews was unable to attend.
- 1.2 Mr Matthews is the restricted private hire operator of Direct Executive Travel and proprietor of 2 restricted private hire vehicles:
- a. RV 178 a blue Mercedes Viano, vehicle registration mark FL13 HLC, licence expiring 31st August 2018;
 - b. RV 308 a silver Hyundai i800, vehicle registration mark EO17 VJF, licence expiring 30th April 2019;

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 20th June 2018 Mr Matthews 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 Mr Matthews' vehicles are not used for school transport purposes, they are only used for pre-booked airport travel. Mr Matthews believes that the licence plates and door decals would not suit the work carried out by the vehicles and 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 Members are requested to determine whether to:

- i) approve the request by Mr Matthews for an exemption from displaying the door stickers and licence plates on his restricted private hire vehicles RV 178 and RV 308; or
- ii) refuse the request by Mr Matthews for an exemption from displaying the door stickers and licence plates on his restricted private hire vehicles RV 178 and RV 308, giving full reasons for the decision.

The General Licensing Committee's instructions are requested.

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