

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE
1 MARCH 2011

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT AGE AND COLOUR POLICIES.

APPLICANT-ABDINASIR ABDI

Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods

Purpose of Report

1. To determine an application for the grant of a **Private hire Vehicle** licence.

Background

2. The vehicle subject of this application is a Ford Galaxy first registered in registered on 17 April 2002.
Registration number GY02 CXT.
3. The vehicle was first licenced by this authority on 19 April 2002 and the last licence expired on 9 June 2010.
4. The vehicle will therefore be ten years old on 19 April 2012
5. The vehicle is currently Blue in colour.
6. Bristol City Council policy states that Private hire vehicles which are Blue in colour would not generally be licenced after 30 April 2011
7. Bristol City Council policy in relation to the ages of vehicles which are able to be licenced as Private hire vehicles states:

Vehicles will not generally be accepted for private hire licensing unless they comply with the following specification:

1. At the date of the first application (which means the first application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence made in respect of a particular vehicle and any subsequent application in respect of the same vehicle made

more than three months following expiry of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence) no more than three years six months shall have elapsed from The Relevant Date. (The Relevant Date has the same meaning as in the Licensing Conditions).

Renewal Applications (where a Renewal Application means any completed application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence made in respect of a particular vehicle and which is received by the Council within three months of expiry of a Private Hire Vehicle

Licence for which the particular vehicle was The Licensed vehicle) will be accepted in respect of the Licensed Vehicle notwithstanding more than three and a half years has elapsed from The Relevant Date PROVIDED THAT

- (a) no licence shall generally be issued so as to expire more than ten years after the Relevant Date and
- (b) where more than eight years has elapsed from the Relevant Date when the Renewal Application is made any Licence issued shall endure for no more than six months

8. Section 48 of the Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions)Act 1976 states:

(1)Subject to the provisions of this part of this Act a District Council may on receipt of an application from the proprietor of any vehicle for the grant in respect of such vehicle of a licence to use the vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle, grant in respect thereof a vehicle licence.

(a)Provided that a District council shall not grant a licence unless they are satisfied that the vehicle is:

- (i) suitable in type size and design for the use as a private hire vehicle,
- (ii) not of such a design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney carriage.
- (iii) in a suitable mechanical condition
- (iv) safe,
- (v) comfortable.

9. Section 48(2) of the Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions)Act 1976 states:

A district Council may attach to the grant of a licence under this section such conditions as they may consider reasonably necessary including without prejudice to the generality of the

foregoing provisions of this sub section conditions requiring or prohibiting the display of signs on or from the vehicle to which the licence relates.

10. Mr Abdi has submitted a letter in support of his application which is at Appendix A
11. Mr Abdi has been invited to attend this meeting and has been supplied with a copy of this report.

Appendices

Appendix A

Letter from Mr Abdinasir

RECOMMENDED the committee is asked to determine the application

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
Background papers**

Contact Officer: Keith Burchell
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Neighbourhoods
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APPENDIX A

Letter from Mr Abdinasir

I am kindly requesting that you renew my Taxi plate which expired on 9/6/2010.

I would highly appreciate you to consider the following reasons:

1. I was looking after in hospital my dad.
2. My vehicle off the road and in a garage for repair.
3. I had not worked and had no money at this time.

I would be grateful if you look and consider the above reasons.

I am a family man and support 4 children

I hope you will look at my application again and allow me to use my plate number with my car.