

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
19 APRIL 2011**

**APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE  
LICENCE WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE CURRENT  
COLOUR POLICIES.  
APPLICANT-IRA CLARKE**

Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods

**Purpose of Report**

1. To determine an application for the renewal of a Private hire Vehicle Licence.

**Background**

2. The vehicle subject of this application is a Jaguar X type first registered in registered on 25 May 2006.  
Registration number DN06 LSK.
3. The vehicle has been licensed previously by this authority from 23 May 2008 and the current licence expires on 30 April 2011.
4. The vehicle will therefore be ten years old on 25 May 2016
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 licensed after 30 April 2011
7. This matter was presented to members on 29 March 2011 but deferred until today at the request of Mr Clarke who was not able to attend on the previous date.
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 Clarke has submitted a letter in support of his application which is at Appendix A
- 11. Mr Clarke has been invited to attend this meeting and has been supplied with a copy of this report.

Appendices      Appendix A      Letter from Mr Clarke

**RECOMMENDED      the committee is asked to determine the application**

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

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To whom it may concern.

re:- 10/01012/TXP14U - plate 2447.

I am writing with regards to my car.  
I'm a pensioner, who's been driving  
as a ~~private~~ private hire taxi for more than  
15 years. Since my retirement I have been  
working as a Accounts / School run taxi  
driver. I also still am paying off the  
hire purchase for this car.

I'm unable to afford to re-spray my car  
and ask you to reconsider my hearing  
to do so.

I also am still paying my mortgage & have  
living expenses.

IRA CHECKS.

7, 3, 2011

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