

 COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND STREET TRADING CONSENT MATTERS) - 19 MAY 2021
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 5
Subject	APPLICATION TO TRANSFER A PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE.
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Planning and Licensing Committee
Accountable officer	Andrea Thomas, Licensing Officer Tel: 01285 623000 Email: andrea.thomas@publicagroup.uk
Summary	To determine an application to Transfer a Private Hire Vehicle Licence
Annexes	Annex A – Copy of application Annex B – Photos of the Vehicle Annex C – Copy of the Cotswold District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2018
Recommendation	That the Licensing Sub-Committee determines the application to transfer a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.
Corporate priorities	Ensure that services delivered by the Council are delivered to the highest standard
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

I. BACKGROUND

- I.1. Section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (the Act), Cotswold District Council is charged with the duty of issuing Private Hire Vehicle licences.
- I.2. The Act states that 'provided that a district council shall not grant such a licence unless they are satisfied;
 - (a) that the vehicle is –
 - I. Suitable in type, size and design for 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.
 - (b) that there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance or such security as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- I.3. Cotswold District Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (1 April 2018) requires all vehicles to be under 5 years of age when first licensed. There is an upper age limit of 15 years.
- I.4. Mrs. Hope has held a Private Hire Driver Licence with Cotswold District Council since 2014. The Licensing Authority has received no complaints in this time regarding Mrs. Hope.
- I.5. Her current licensed vehicle is off the road due to the gearbox failing and she is looking to replace with the vehicle detailed in the application. Due to the pandemic her business has been severely hit and money for a new vehicle is restricted, hence the slightly older model. The vehicle is over 6 years of age and in immaculate condition.
- I.5. At present, the vehicle has not been purchased. The vehicle will be purchased if the application is granted. The MOT, V5, Insurance and fee will then be submitted to the Licensing Officer.

2. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1. Cotswold District Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2018 at **Annex C.**

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