

Meeting of:	Public Protection Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 09 September 2025
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Application to Waive Age Policy Guidelines for Licensing a Private Hire Vehicle
Purpose of Report:	To determine an application for the grant of a vehicle which falls outside the current age policy guidelines approved by the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Report Owner:	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Ilaria Agostini-Green, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	None
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Executive Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Protection Licensing Committee has adopted age policy guidelines which detail how old vehicles can be when first licensed as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle. This application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence falls outside the policy and therefore the Committee are asked to determine the application. 	

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that having regard to the report, the Age Policy Guidelines adopted by the Public Protection Licensing Committee and any representations made by Muhammad Awais, that the Committee determine the application.

Reason for Recommendation

1. The application falls outside the Age Policy Guidelines for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

1. Background

- 1.1 It is the duty of the Local Authority to determine applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1947. These applications are referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination because the application falls outside the policy guidelines.
- 1.2 The Age Policy Guidelines were approved by the Public Protection Licensing Committee on 2 July 2019 and detail that a vehicle must be under 6 years old at the time of first registration. Vehicles older than this can continue to be licensed provided a renewal application is submitted before the expiry of licence and vehicle testing at the Alps garage is successful (there must be no break in licence).
- 1.3 This application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle is made under Section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 On 24 June 2025, the Council has received an application from Mr Muhammad Awais to licence the following vehicle as a private hire vehicle:

2.2 Application Details

Make:	Audi
Model:	A5 S Line TDI S-A
Registration No:	VA18 VRY
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Date of First Registration:	30 July 2018
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Under 6 years old
Age of vehicle at time of application:	6 years and 11 months

Colour:	Grey
Mileage recorded at time of photographs taken (28/07/2025)	126378
Passengers:	4
Accessible Vehicle:	No

A copy of the application is detailed in **Appendix A**.

- 2.3** As the vehicle falls outside the age policy guidelines by being over 6 years old, the Committee is requested to determine the application.
- 2.4** Pictures of the interior and exterior of the vehicle, taken on 28 July 2025 by Licensing Enforcement Officers, are detailed in **Appendix B**.
- 2.5** If members are minded granting the application, the vehicle will proceed to testing at the Alps Garage. A licence would only be issued upon the completion of a successful test.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** This report has been screened for evidence of the Five Ways of Working and how it may contribute to our Well-being Objectives.
- 3.2** The proposals support the following well-being objective: Objective 2: Providing decent homes and safe communities.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1** None, this is a regulatory function.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1** There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report.

Employment

- 5.2** None

Legal (Including Equalities)

5.3 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 the 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:

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 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; and
 - (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

and shall not refuse such a licence for the purpose of limiting the number of vehicles in respect of which such licences are granted by the Council.

6. Background Papers

None

Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licence New and Renewal - VOG-725074443 - Application Details

Are you applying for yourself or on behalf of a business?: Person

Customer Details:

Title	First name	Surname	Email address	Phone number	Mobile number
Mr	Muhammad	Awais	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Address:

The address I want to add is	Postcode Search	Select address	The address is not in the list	Flat	House name / number	Street	Town	County	Postcode
in Vale of Glamorgan	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] VALE OF GLAMORGAN,			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

What are you looking to do today?: Apply for a new licence

Does your application relate to Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle?: Private Hire (pre-book only)

Give name and address of The Private Hire Operator for whom you drive or intend to drive the licensed vehicle?: Flight link

Registration Number (Number Plate): VA18VRY

Vehicle Make: AUDI

Vehicle Colour: GREY

Manufactured: 2018

Vehicle Tax Status: Taxed

Vehicle Registration Number: VA18VRY

Vehicle MOT Expiry: 09/08/2025

First Registered: 2018-07

calcFuelType: DIESEL

Are the vehicle details provided correct?: Yes

Is the vehicle subject of a current licence issued by another authority?: No

Is the vehicle wheelchair accessible?: No

Do you have a wheelchair lift?: No

Will the vehicle be used for Vale of Glamorgan school transport?: No











