

Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 12 July 2016 at 10.02 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors: B Gardner
D P Murphy

Officers: Contentious and Regulatory Lawyer
Licensing Team Leader
Democratic Support Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Jones and P S Le Chevalier.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 18 March 2016 and 12 April 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF POLICY GUIDELINES

The Licensing Team Leader informed the Committee that Mr D Lamb of Relyon Transport had applied for permission to licence a Ford Transit (PY57 VAA) as a Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle would be used to transport passengers to and from Dover Port/Cruise Terminal and the parking facilities at the applicant's business address; the vehicle would not be used for any other private hire purpose.

The Committee was asked to consider the application as the vehicle was outside of the policy guidelines by reason that the vehicle was outside of the current vehicle age policy, being registered on 5 February 2008. The Licensing Enforcement Officer inspected the vehicle on 4 July 2016 and found the vehicle to be in very good condition. The vehicle was MOTd on 11 July 2016 and passed with no advisory notes.

The Committee adjourned to examine the vehicle accompanied by the Applicant's representative (Ms J Milner) and officers.

RESOVLED: That, notwithstanding the Council's current policy guidelines, the Committee decided on this occasion to deviate from the policy in regard to the maximum age of the vehicle on the grounds that the applicant's stated use of the vehicle was that it would not be as a

Private Hire Vehicle in the traditional sense, but instead would be used only in the manner set out by the applicant, namely to convey passengers to and from the port terminal and the parking facilities operated by the company and that Mr D Lamb of Relyon Transport be GRANTED a Private Hire Vehicle licence in respect of a Ford Transit (PY57 VAA) with the following condition:

- (a) That the vehicle be inspected by Dover District Council every 6 months, that inspection to be carried out by the Licensing Team Leader (or her deputy) and provided that the Licensing Team Leader is satisfied that the vehicle remains in a safe mechanical and comfortable condition the Licensing Team Leader may approve the licence for a further 6 month period.

The meeting ended at 10.16 am.