

## **Report to Environment and Licensing Committee**

**Subject:** Request to be exempt from displaying fixed plates – Jason Ritchie

**Date:** 5 June 2018

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

Mr Ritchie has requested the Committee to consider granting exemption to him from displaying fixed plates on vehicles licensed by him as he only undertakes executive private hire.

### **2. Background**

Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 gives the Council the authority to waive the requirement to display vehicle licence plates. It follows that the driver can then be exempt from wearing the badge. This is often used in relation to vehicles that provide chauffeur services. Instead the Council can issue a notice which will be permanently displayed at all times inside any licensed vehicles owned or operated by Mr Ritchie.

### **3. Proposal**

To grant an exemption to Mr Ritchie to allow his vehicles to be licensed without the requirement for the displaying of a licence plate.

### **4. Resource Implications**

None

### **5. Recommendation**

- a) With respect to Mr Ritchie – the requirement to display vehicle licence plates is waived; and
- b) The Council issue a notice which will be permanently displayed at all times, in a position to be agreed, inside any licensed vehicles used for executive private hire purposes, owned or operated by Mr Miles.

### **6. Appendices**

Appendix A - Letter from Mr Ritchie

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask/apply for 'an exemption' from displaying my 'Private Hire Plates' on my vehicle while in the operating my business

I'm applying on the basis that my operation (although licensed as) is not really 'Private Hire', more what I (and my clients) consider to be Chauffeuring.

My clients are all mainly Corporate and would prefer for their clients to travel to Nottingham from various destinations 'in style' and as I'm often their first 'contact' (on the clients behalf) it falls on myself and my vehicle to impress.

My client list includes Universities, International Finance , Manufacturing Plants and even some 'celebrities' all based in or around Nottingham all of whom tend to use 'taxis' for local rides whereas I normally do the more longer distance journeys, airports, other cities and the like.

My vehicle is kept immaculate at all times, it's the longer wheelbase 'limo' style, my uniform is a suit so I feel 'the exemption' would be in keeping with the 'style of business'.

There is no meter fitted in my vehicle as all my work is 'account based' so no cash changes hands.

Many thanks for giving me this opportunity to make this application

Regards



Gedling Borough Council
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Customer Services