

COFNOD O BENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO GAN SWYDDOG
RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

Penderfyniad Allweddol | Key Decision ✓

PWNC | SUBJECT:

GREEN FLEET TAXI PILOT- DEVIATION FROM STANDARD LICENSING CONDITIONS

DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD | PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To approve the introduction onto fleet of 5 Nissan Dynamo Hackney Carriage vehicles that do not conform wholly to standard RCT Licensing vehicle conditions in respect of body work colour and livery.

PENDERFYNIAD WEDI'I DDIRPRWYO | DELEGATED DECISION:

To approve the five Nissan Dynamo vehicles for use as part of the RCT hackney carriage fleet with full livery applied to promote the Green Fleet Project and to exempt them for the requirement to have full black colour body work for the duration of the trial.



Llofnod y Prif Swyddog
Chief Officer Signature

Louise Davies

Enw (priflythrennau)
Name (Print Name)

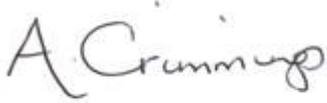
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Date

Mae'r penderfyniad yn cael ei wneud yn unol ag Adran 15 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 2000 (Swyddogaethau'r Corff Gweithredol) ac yn y cylch gorchwyl sy wedi'i nodi yn Adran 5 o Ran 3 o Gyfansoddiad y Cyngor.

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

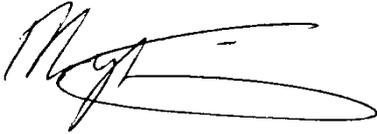
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RHEOLAU'R WEITHDREFN GALW-I-MEWN | CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.

A YW'R PENDERFYNIAD YN UN BRYN A HEB FOD YN DESTUN PROSES GALW-I-MEWN GAN Y PWYLLGOR TROSOLWG A CHRAFFU?:

IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

NAC YDY | NO✓

Rheswm dros fod yn fater brys | Reason for Urgency:

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Os yw'n cael ei ystyried yn fater brys - Ilofnod y Llywydd, y Dirprwy Lywydd neu Bennaeth y Gwasanaeth Cyflogedig yn cadarnhau cytundeb fod y penderfyniad arfaethedig yn rhesymol yn yr holl amgylchiadau iddo gael ei drin fel mater brys, yn unol â rheol gweithdrefn trosolwg a chraffu 17.2:

If deemed urgent - signature of Presiding Member or Deputy Presiding Member or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:

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(Llywydd | Presiding Member) (Dyddiad | Date)

DS - Os yw hwn yn benderfyniad sy'n cael ei ail-ystyried yna does dim modd galw'r penderfyniad i mewn a bydd y penderfyniad yn dod i rym o'r dyddiad mae'r penderfyniad wedi'i lofnodi.

NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision Cannot be Called In and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.

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DYDDIADAU CYHOEDDI A GWEITHREDU | PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES

CYHOEDDI | PUBLICATION

Cyhoeddi ar Wefan y Cyngor | Publication on the Councils Website:- _____ 07.10.21 _____

DYDDIAD | DATE

GWEITHREDU'R PENDERFYNIAD | IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

Nodwch: Fydd y penderfyniad hwn ddim yn dod i rym nac yn cael ei weithredu'n llawn nes cyn pen 3 diwrnod gwaith ar ôl ei gyhoeddi. Nod hyn yw ei alluogi i gael ei "Alw i Mewn" yn unol â Rheol 17.1, Rheolau Gweithdrefn Trosolwg a Chraffu.

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Yn amodol ar y drefn "Galw i Mewn", caiff y penderfyniad ei roi ar waith ar / Subject to Call In the implementation date will be

_____ 13.10.21
DYDDIAD / DATE

WEDI'I GYMERADWYO I'W GYHOEDDI: ✓ | APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

6th October 2021

**GREEN FLEET TAXI PILOT-
DEVIATION FROM STANDARD LICENSING CONDITIONS**

REPORT OF DIRECTOR – PUBLIC HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the introduction onto fleet of 5 Nissan Dynamo Hackney Carriage vehicles that do not conform wholly to standard RCT Licensing vehicle conditions in respect of body work colour and livery.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the five Nissan Dynamo vehicles for use as part of the RCT hackney carriage fleet with full livery applied to promote the Green Fleet Project and to exempt them from the requirement to have full black colour body work for the duration of the trial.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 RCT is proactive at a regional level through the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) and the Cardiff Capital Region Transport Authority (CCRTA), as well as driving forward projects and proposals that are more specific to RCT.
- 3.2 The Cardiff Capital Region Transport Authority's (CCRTA) Taxi Strategy for South East Wales has generated work across the ten Councils and their respective Taxi Licencing teams and taxi operators;

<https://www.cardiffcapitalregion.wales/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/item-6-taxi-strategy-for-south-east-wales-appendix-1.pdf>

Following successfully securing £1.3M of WG funding during 2020/21, a contract has been let to establish a network of EV charging points for taxis across the region, together with a scheme to procure a fleet of wheelchair accessible electric taxis that can be leased to operators on a “try before you buy” basis.

- 3.3 The requirement to allow full livery and temporary departure from colour policy will allow RCT Council to fulfil its role within this trial.

4. **BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 A request has been made by Welsh Government for full livery on entirely electric, wheelchair accessible, Nissan Dynamo Hackney Carriage vehicles as part of a Green Fleet Pilot scheme. The Scheme seeks to encourage the taxi trade to switch to zero-emission vehicles.
- 4.2 The Welsh Government are introducing a Green Fleet Pilot scheme in three areas across Wales. The Scheme will operate a 'try before you buy' initiative, allowing taxi drivers to try a fully electric, wheelchair accessible vehicle for 30 days free of charge. The trial will include free electric charging, insurance, vehicle licensing and breakdown cover funded by Welsh Government.
- 4.3 On completion of the trial, drivers will be asked to complete an evaluation survey and be provided with information on schemes/assistance available for long term ownership/lease of zero-emission vehicles.
- 4.4 The pilot is intended to assist Welsh Government in achieving its target of decarbonising the taxi fleet entirely by 2028 as it is hoped it will help taxi drivers to realise the financial and environmental benefits of zero-emission vehicles and in turn contribute to the transition from diesel/petrol vehicles to zero-emission vehicles. The Scheme will run for 2-3 years.
- 4.5 A full livery has been requested for the Hackney Carriages involved in this pilot scheme to ensure the initiative is advertised across the area and to encourage others to be a part of the Scheme.
- 4.6 A photograph of the vehicle to be used in the Pilot is shown below:



4.7 Currently RCT Authority only permits the following livery:

*Any advertisement approved shall be placed on the back passenger doors and/or rear quarter panels only, below the windows **with the exception** of the “Trading Name identification signs” displaying the company details (see Point 12 below) which may be displayed on the front door of the vehicle, below the window and must not obscure the sign displaying the licence number of the vehicle. (Licensees who choose NOT to have commercial advertising will continue to display Trading Name identification on rear doors).*

4.8 Current RCT conditions of licence also require that a Hackney Carriage vehicle must be black in colour (or any other colour specified by the Council at the time of licensing). A copy of the conditions of licence is attached as Appendix 1.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

5.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The livery applied to the vehicles will be bilingual and therefore promote the Welsh language. There are no Welsh language implications arising from this report.

7. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

7.1 No consultation was undertaken by RCT Council. The trial is part of the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) inclusion and is a Welsh Government initiative. The participation of drivers is voluntary. The taxi trade have been made aware through verbal communication and are very enthusiastic to see the benefits of the trial.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

9.1 Under Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council may impose such conditions upon Hackney Carriage licences as it may consider reasonably necessary.

9.2 In particular, the Council may require any Hackney Carriage licensed by it to be of such design or appearance or bear such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a Hackney Carriage. This Council has exercised this legal power as part of the current licensing conditions set out in Appendix 1.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

10.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council has a duty to ensure that the aspirations of residents and businesses in the area are extensively supported in

their drive towards the use of Ultra Low Emission Transportation and particularly in the use of Electric Vehicles.

- 10.2 The Green Fleet pilot will assist in allowing taxi drivers throughout the Borough to trial electric vehicles and to see for themselves the benefits.
- 10.3 This pilot scheme links directly to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles amongst potential new users, thus ultimately benefiting air quality as part of the Council's wider sustainable transport approach.
- 10.4 The pilot scheme contributes directly to the seven national well-being goals by helping the taxi transport trade to understand the benefits of electric vehicles and encourage the use which all links to a 'Responsible Wales' and a 'Healthier Wales'.
- 10.5 RCT is working on an 'Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy' which assists in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, accessible for people living with disabilities. The use of an electric vehicle taxi trade also works towards this goal of a 'More Equal Wales'. The pilot Scheme is using Wheelchair Accessible vehicles as part of the trial; this will benefit those with disabilities immediately by providing an extra 5 vehicles with immediate effect, even if on a temporary basis. The trial is hoped that the access to these vehicles will encourage further uptake and provide a longer-term assistance to those with disabilities.
- 10.6 The trial will also help towards promoting a carbon neutral environment, something which RCT and Wales are actively working towards.

11. CONCLUSION

- 11.1 It is recommended that full livery on all the fully electric, wheelchair accessible hackney carriage vehicles involved in the Green Fleet Pilot scheme be allowed.
- 11.2 It is recommended that the colouring of the vehicles be permitted to depart from the standard conditions attached to Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed by RCT Council.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background papers:

None.

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