

Meeting of:	Public Protection Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 12 July 2022
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Application for approval as an Authorised Hackney Carriage Meter Tester - A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd
Purpose of Report:	To consider an application from A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd for approval to test Hackney Carriage Meters for use in the Vale of Glamorgan.
Report Owner:	Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Miles Punter - Director of Environment and Housing
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	N/A
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve an additional approved meter tester which will provide Hackney Carriage proprietors in the Vale of Glamorgan with greater choice of approved meter testers.

Recommendation

1. It is recommended that the application from A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd is approved.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To provide Hackney Carriage proprietors in the Vale of Glamorgan with greater choice of approved meter testers.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Vale of Glamorgan Council's Conditions for Hackney Carriages state:
- 1.2 The proprietor shall produce annually to the Licensing Authority a certificate issued by a meter installer approved by the Licensing Authority stating that the meter is accurate and contains only the current Vale of Glamorgan Council's Hackney Carriage tariff.
- 1.3 There are currently six companies approved to issue Hackney Carriage meter certificates for vehicles licensed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- 1.4 This matter has not been delegated to officers and is therefore a matter for the Public Protection Licensing Committee to determine.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 On 24 March, 2022 the Council received an application from A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd to be approved by the Vale of Glamorgan Council to test meters supplied by Viking Electronics and to issue meter certificates for Hackney Carriages licensed by the authority. The applicant is a registered company at Companies House registration number Company number 13398072. The application is attached at Appendix A to this Report.
- 2.2 The application also gave details of a measured mile that A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd intend to use to test calibrations. The proposed measured mile has been checked using two separate online mapping apps and is confirmed as correct.
- 2.3 A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd has supplied copies of their Taximeter Certificate and Taximeter Tariff Certificate attached as Appendix B to this Report.
- 2.4 A2Z Taxi Vale of Glamorgan Ltd has also supplied a letter, from Viking Electronics Ltd, as company's authorisation for A2Z to be approved testing agents. The letter is attached as Appendix C to this Report.

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 Prevention and collaboration: the purpose of this regulatory function is to protect the public and ensure businesses comply with licence terms and conditions.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1 None, this is a regulatory function.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1 None.

Employment

- 5.2 None.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.3 Section 65 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states:
- 5.4 A district council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well as for time and distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle; to be paid in respect of the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a "table of fares") made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None.



Application for Authorisation as a Hackney Carriage Meter Tester for the Vale of Glamorgan.

Company Name A2Z TAXI VALE OF GLAMORGAN LTD

Company Address 178 HOLTON ROAD BARRY

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Email address [REDACTED]

Is the Company Licensed as a Private Hire Operator? Yes

Is the Company authorised by a meter supplier? YES VIKING ELECTRONICS LTD.

Do you have a 'measured mile'? Yes

* Where is the 'measured mile'? VENEZIA HOUSE – CARDIFF ROAD ROUNDABOUT

***N.B.** If you are currently authorised **and** there has been no change to your measured mile just write 'no change.'

Is the 'measured mile' used for meter calibration purposes? YES

Position

SENIOR MANAGER

Date 24/03/2022

Signature of Applicant

[REDACTED]



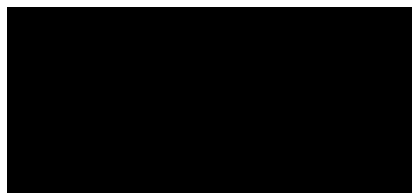
A2Z TAXIS VALE OF GLAMORGAN LTD
 178 HOLTON ROAD, BARRY
 VALE OF GLAMORGAN
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TAXI METER CERTIFICATE

DATE OF TEST:
CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
METER MANUFACTURE:
MODEL:
SERIAL NUMBER:

<u>TARIFF</u>	<u>FIRST HALF MILE</u>	<u>EACH ONE TENTH OF A MILE</u>	<u>WAITING TIME</u>
TARIFF 1	£3.05	£0.25	£16.00 PER HOUR
TARIFF 2	£3.05	£0.30	£16.00 PER HOUR
TARIFF 3	£4.55	£0.35	£16.00 PER HOUR
TARIFF 4	£3.55	£0.31	£16.00 PER HOUR
TARIFF 5	£3.85	£0.35	£16.00 PER HOUR
TARIFF 6	£5.30	£0.44	£16.00 PER HOUR

COUNCIL:
MAKE/MODEL:
PLATE NUMBER:
REGISTRATION:
OWNER:
ADDRESS:



A2Z TAXIS VALE OF GLAMORGAN
 TESTER: 

COMPANY NUMBER: **13398072**
 VAT NUMBER:



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Viking taximeters are willing to appoint AtoZ taxis on as an fleet agent to supply and support Viking taximeters for there own use any training will be offered and give them full support they will be able to calibrate the meters to a measured mile then seal them.

Regards
Harry Derbyshire

Sales Manager