

# **Road Transport Licensing Committee**

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# **APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND NOTICES**

#### **Notice Period**

The Road Transport Act 2001 and the Road Transport Regulations 2018 require the Road Transport Licensing Committee ("the RTLC") to publish details of applications, meetings and decisions.

If you wish to view an application, please contact the RTLC Secretary at <a href="mailto:noel.capewell@gov.im">noel.capewell@gov.im</a>.

Copies of all monthly newsletters are available on the RTLC website: www.gov.im/rtlc.

Within a period of twenty one days from the date of this publication, any person may write to the RTLC making any objections or representations with respect to an application.

Written objections can be received by letter or email. They should include the name and address of the sender and include the reasons why the objection or representation is made. For the full procedure detailing the submission of objections please see the RTLC website.

#### **RTLC Office**

The RTLC office operates on an appointment only basis. If you come to the office without an appointment you may have a wasted journey as there might not be anyone available to assist you.

## **NOTICES**

# **FURTHER RTLC OFFICE CLOSURES**

The RTLC office will be closed on 20th December and 28th December.

The computer licensing system currently used by the RTLC office is no longer fully supported by the company that created it. As a result, the RTLC office is moving to a new system and all office staff will need to undergo training on the new system on these days. It is envisaged that the RTLC office will also need to **close for at least a week at the end of January 2023** while the existing system is replaced with the new one. This date will be confirmed in due course and all operators whose Section 23 Operator Discs are due for renewal in January or early February are urged to contact the RTLC office well in advance of the expiry date printed on each disc.

# **VEHICLE TESTING**

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw the Driving Test & Vehicle Examination Centre ("DTVEC") close for several months in 2020, a backlog of vehicles waiting for annual tests developed. The RTLC adopted an approach which allowed operators to renew their Section 23 Operator Discs on receipt of a confirmed future booking date at the DTVEC.

However, this approach was only ever intended as a temporary measure and will be discontinued from **1**<sup>st</sup> **March 2023**. After this date, Section 23 Operator Discs will only be renewed on receipt of a test Certificate of Approval from the operator obtained within the past 12 months. It is the RTLC's understanding that you are now able to book your annual test at the DTVEC up to a year in advance so this will mitigate the effects of any remaining backlog.

## **APPLICATIONS**

# Mr JP Heavey, t/a Island Taxis Limited – Variation of Operator Registration and Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the Malew District. If approved this will result in a transfer of business, under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from Mr DA Bates, t/a Funspot Ltd and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis able to operate in the Malew District.

The registered address / operating centre is identified in the application as 14 Faaie Ny Cabbal, Kirk Michael. This is already an approved operating centre.

It is the applicant's intention to combine the Ply for Hire service licence being transferred, should the application be approved, with his existing service licence in the North West District so both the North West and Malew Districts will be included on the same Ply for Hire plate. This will result in the same vehicle being allowed to operate in both Districts but there will be no overall increase in the number of service licences in use.

The applicant currently has approval to operate five Ply for Hire taxis in the North West District and one Private Hire minibus.

## 2. Mr PJ Langridge – Variation of Operator Registration and Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the East District. If approved this will result in a transfer of business, under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from Mr GC Thwaites and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis in the East District.

The registered address is identified in the application as 18 Campion Way, Douglas.

The applicant would like to further vary his operator registration through the addition of an operating centre – 3 Thomas Keig Road, Willaston. An assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture ("Planning") will not be required as long as the applicant only keeps one PPV there.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District (wheelchair accessible).

## 3. Mr AT Kneen – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre is identified in the application as 1 Ballabrooie Gardens, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will be not required as long as the applicant only keeps one PPV there.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East & Malew Districts (wheelchair accessible), one Ply for Hire taxi in the North West District, one Class A – Modern Style Executive Private Hire car and one Private Hire minibus.

#### 4. Mr CM Magee – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of registered address / operating centre.

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The new operating centre is identified in the application as 10 Stonecrop Grove, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will be not required.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering 9 Oakdale, Governor's Hill, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East & Malew Districts (wheelchair accessible).

#### 5. Mr GC Power, t/a Powerwheels – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and the addition of two operating centres.

The new registered address is identified in the application as 1 Colooneys Farm Cottages, Santon. This is also one of the new operating centres and an assurance from Planning will not be required as long as only one PPV is kept there.

The second operating centre is identified as the Buchan School, Castletown. An assurance form Planning has been received for this centre.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering Rowany Golf Club, Port Erin and 6 Belgravia, Governors Hill, Douglas as approved operating centres.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the Malew District and two Private Hire minibuses.

# 6. <u>Mr J Yao – Variation of Operator Registration</u>

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of registered address / operating centre.

The new operating centre is identified in the application as 11 Central Drive, Onchan. An assurance from Planning will be not required.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering 29 Summerhill Village, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

#### **DECISIONS**

1. <u>Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence ("RSL")</u>

RSL No. 02/08 - Services 1, 1A, 1H, 2, 2A, 2C, 11, 11A, 12, 12A, and N1

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Onchan, Birch Hill and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (1, 1A, 11, 12, 12A).
- Nobles Hospital or Hailwood Avenue and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (1H).
- Onchan, Ballachrink and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (2, 2A, 2C).
- Douglas and Port Erin/Port St Mary (N1).

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The service currently operates;

- On Mondays to Saturdays between the Promenades, Central Douglas and Port Erin at least every 15 minutes during the day and hourly during the later evening.
- On Sundays it operates every 20 minutes, with slightly reduced early morning and evening frequency.
- Night Owl (N1) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- A general re-timing.
- To re-introduce the morning commuter and school day journeys.

Why are the variations required?

- Operational experience especially with the one way system currently in place in Castle Street in Castletown. General headways, every 20 minutes during the day, every 30 minutes in the early morning and every 30 minutes in the evening, will be maintained.
- Start of the new school year.

## The application was approved.

## 2. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence

RSL No. 02/09 – Services 22, 22H, 25, 25B and 25H.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Nobles Hospital and Willaston/Birch Hill via Central Douglas & Bucks Road (22/22H) or via Victoria Road (25/25H).
- Schooldays journey between Central Douglas and Bemahague School via Victoria Road (25B).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

Start of the new school year.

#### The application was approved.

## 3. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence

RSL No. 02/10 - Services 4, 4B, 4R, 13, 14, 8, 8R, N8 and 28.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Peel via Foxdale & Patrick (4, 4B).
- School day only journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Braaid/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Infrequent Monday to Friday journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Douglas/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Infrequent Monday to Friday daytime journeys to Groudle and Ballaughton Manor Hill / Cooil Road (13).
- Infrequent Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Peel and Castletown or Peel and Port Erin (4R, 8, 8R).

- Approximate hourly Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Port Erin and The Sound (28).
- Occasional journeys between Peel and Port Erin via St Johns & Foxdale (N8).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of school day journeys.
- Re-introduction of the southern section of the Service 13 (re-numbered 14B) to provide an hourly daytime service from Lower Douglas to Ballaughton Manor Hill (in conjunction with the Service 4B) and a service to Cooil Road (Close Fletcher).

Why are the variations required?

- Start of the new school year.
- Requests from residents of the areas.

# The application was approved.

# 4. <u>Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence</u>

RSL No. 02/13 – Services 5, 5A, 5C, 6, 6A, 6C, N5, and N6.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

• Douglas and Ramsey via Crosby, St. John's, Peel, Kirk Michael and Ballaugh.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Peel approximately every 30 minutes during the day with alternate journeys providing an hourly service between Peel and Ramsey.
- Hourly between Douglas and Peel during the later evening with some journeys between Peel and Ramsey.
- Half hourly on Sundays between Douglas and Peel and every 2 hours between Peel and Ramsey during the day with less frequent journeys during the evening.
- Night Owl (N5) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

Start of the new school year.

## The application was approved.

#### 5. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence

RSL No. 02/19 - Services 3, 3A, 3B, N3, X3.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

• Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey operating every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and hourly evenings and Sundays (3, 3A, X3).
- Night Owl (N3) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

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To operate the service by making the following amendments;

Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

Start of the new school year.

# The application was approved.

## 6. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence

RSL No. 02/44 – Services 21, 21A, 21B and 21H.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

• Central Douglas and Anagh Coar/Farm Hill via Pulrose & Spring Valley (21) with some journeys extending to IoM Business Park (21B) or extending to Nobles Hospital (21H).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Re-introduction of a daytime Monday to Saturday journey every 30 minutes to Pulrose, Anagh Coar and Farmhill.
- Re-introduction of school day journeys.

Why is the variation required?

- Public requests.
- Start of the new school year.

## The application was approved.

## 7. Mr M Kavak – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence which would replace an existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

## The application was approved.

## 8. Mr AL Lumber – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address and operating centre was identified in the application as 6 Palace View Apartments, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

The applicant has surrendered 163 Spectrum Apartments, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

## The application was approved.

## 9. Mr DA Mackey – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and addition of an operating centre.

The new registered address and operating centre was identified in the application as Flat 49, Queens Apartments, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

The applicant has surrendered Flat 56, Queens Apartments, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

# The application was approved.

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# 10. Mr PK Davies, t/a Pauls Taxis – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the South and Malew Districts, following the transfer of business under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from the previous operator Mr MJ Bell.

The registered address and operating centre was identified in the application as 16 Ballacrosha, Ballaugh.

#### The application was approved.

## 11. Mr PN Cross – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence which would replace an existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

## The application was approved.

## 12. Mr PN Cross – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Flat 66, Springfield Court, Second Avenue, Onchan. An assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture ("Planning") will not be required.

The applicant has surrendered 5 Marathon House, Princes Road, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

#### The application was approved.

#### 13. Mr KR Blount – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence which would replace an existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

# The application was approved.

## 14. Mr GC Healy – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence which would replace an existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

## The application was approved.

## 15. Mr KD Enchev – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 3 Drinkwater Street, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

The applicant has surrendered 23 Century Court, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

# The application was approved.

## 16. Mr J Newton - New Operator Registration and Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the Malew District. If approved, this will result in a transfer of business under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from Mr RS Trimble and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis in the Malew District.

The registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Heather Bank, Lambs Lane, Pinfold Hill, Laxey.

## The application was approved.

## 17. Mr JD Musgrove – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of two operating centres.

The new operating centres were identified in the application as Units 8 / 9 Balthane Industrial Estate, Ballasalla and 32 Reayrt Carnane, Tromode Park Estate, Douglas. Assurances from Planning will be not required as long as the applicant only keeps one PPV at each centre.

The applicant has surrendered 46 Tynwald Road, Willaston as an approved operating centre.

#### The application was approved.

#### 18. Mr DD Hyusein – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Flat 1, 12 Belmont Terrace, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

The applicant has surrendered Flat 6, 10 Empress Drive, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

#### The application was approved.

# 19. Mr RS Trimble – Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence

To apply for a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence which would replace an existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts (wheelchair accessible) and one Ply for Hire taxi in the Malew District.

# The application was approved.

## RTLC MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the RTLC for public passenger vehicles which will be held in public are currently due to take place on November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup> at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's.

All applicants and objectors that are required to attend a meeting will receive a formal invitation letter prior to the meeting. It is likely, although not guaranteed, that the applications advertised in this AD&N Circular will be heard at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting provided that the RTLC has all the information that it needs (e.g. assurances from Planning).

Should you require information on the timetables for any upcoming meetings, please contact the RTLC office. If you intend to observe any meeting in public that you are not specifically invited to, it would be appreciated if you could inform RTLC staff of your intentions prior to the meeting. This information is required to ensure that there is sufficient space at the meeting to accommodate any observers. Should there not be sufficient space at Thie Slieau Whallian, a different venue for the meeting would have to be found and this could delay proceedings.

Noel Capewell Secretary, Road Transport Licensing Committee.