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To whom it may concern

As a follow up to the text below can I add the following. I have spoken with Moray Fraser at the Public Transport Unit regards this vehicle and the contract it covers. He is concerned that this will cause headaches and extra workload to the Transport Unit contracts schedules. They are busy enough as it is and are struggling to cover contracts. He agrees it would not make good business sense to buy a new vehicle for 3 months to cover this small contract. It is my belief that he has been in touch with Licensing to air his views and concerns also.

My request is not to help me but to help the Transport Unit and to a greater extent, the Council in general. I perhaps also failed to emphasise more that this vehicle does NOT do general taxi work. It is Private Hire solely for council contract work, it does not carry a meter and only operates on daily contracts, nothing else. There is also the issue of two people losing their jobs which in the current climate is not a good prospect. And the most vital part of this contract, as is with all additional needs pupils, is continuity, routine, trust in the staff on the contract and well-being of those getting conveyed to school etc. I am only trying to help the Transport Unit for 3 months.

Regards Matthew Jones

This vehicle reaches it's end of use age of 10 years on 13th March 2023. It is used for Perth & Kinross Council school contracts only, not general taxi work. The contracts expire on 30th June 2023. The vehicle will not be used for future contracts after this date. It is due a fitness test at Friarton in mid January which I have booked. My request is for an extension of the fitness certificate AND use of the vehicle until Friday 30th June as opposed to 13th March.

My reasons for asking are it would be bad business practice to purchase a replacement car to use as a Private Hire for 3 months. The vehicle has low mileage and is in very good condition. It also helps that it is a 6 seater which is ideal for the school contract.

I would be very appreciative if you would allow this change.

Regards

Matthew Jones