

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mark Marshall, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	6 February 2018

REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY POLICY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider proposed amendments to the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Exceptional Quality Policy

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to consider the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Exceptional Quality Policy and the proposed amendments and to authorise a period of consultation with the trade.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The policy has been in force for ten years and it was considered that a review was appropriate.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Sub-Committee could leave the policy as it is

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Exceptional Quality Policy has been in force in its current form since 2010.
- 5.2 There are currently 112 Licensed Hackney Carriages and two Private Hire vehicles subject to the exceptional quality.
- 5.3 Following a meeting with representatives of the Hackney Carriage trade, concerns were raised regarding the ambiguity of the policy and it was suggested that some revision and amendments may be required.
- 5.4 All parties agreed to this course of action and the date of 15 January 2018 was set to review the amendments made by all parties.
- 5.5 The majority of the proposal put forward reflects some of the difficulties in obtaining original manufactured parts. The proposed changes still provide a good standard and would not harm the policy's overall expectations.
- 5.6 Proposed amendments can be found at Appendix 7(a) to this report
- 5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 7(a) amended Exceptional Quality Policy

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 Any amendments to the policy would require consultation

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None