

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Mark Marshall, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	10 April 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 To consider the policy and the proposed amendments as outlined in Appendix 5(a).
- 2.2 To recommend to the Executive that they adopt the proposed amendments.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1a The Sub-Committee has previously authorised a period of consultation on the proposed changes. All of responses received were not relevant to any specific changes to the proposed policy.

- 3.1b Any amendments to the Policy must be approved by the Executive

- 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 decide to not review the policy after two years. However, this would not be considered good practice.

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 The Sub-Committee considered proposed amendments to the exceptional quality policy at its meeting on 6 February 2018, made some changes and authorised a period of consultation with the trade. The consultation document is at Appendix 5(a)

5.4 Consultation took place until 8 March 2018. Two responses were received. The responses are at Appendix 5(b)

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a) Proposed Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Criminal Convictions' Policy.

Appendix 5(b) Consultation responses.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

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. None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None