

## Exceptional Quality Policy

### 1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 The Committee to consider the Exceptional Quality Policy

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To approve the Exceptional Quality Policy
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### 3.0 Information

- 3.1 The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy introduces a new age limit for both hackney carriage and private hire vehicles. Once implemented, vehicles over 15 years of age will not be licensed or re-licensed unless they can satisfy an exceptional quality policy.
- 3.2 The main policy document does not specify what constitutes exceptional quality. A consultation document (appendix 5a) was therefore prepared and has been subject to a 12 week consultation period with the trade.
- 3.3 Comments have been received from Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association (BLOTA) (appendix 5b)
- 3.4 Taking all the comments made into account, a proposed Exceptional Quality Policy document has been prepared. And is submitted for consideration by the Committee.

### 4.0 Financial considerations

- 4.1 None

### 5.0 Legal considerations

- 5.1 None
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**Appendices attached:**

Appendix 5a: Original Consultation Document

Appendix 5b: BLOTA response to consultation

Appendix 5c: Proposed Exceptional Quality Policy

**Background papers:**

None

**Websites and e-mail links for further information:**

None

**Glossary:**

None