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To: Councillors Cox, Hutton, Owen, Robertson BEM, Ryan, Singleton and L Taylor

The above members are requested to attend the:

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at 6.30 pm (or on the rising of the Licensing Committee meeting whichever is latest)
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool, FY1 1AD

A G E N D A

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- * **3 PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES** (Pages 1 - 6)

(This item contains personal information regarding applicants and licence holders which is exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	27 th October 2015

URGENT REFERRAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider a licence holder who has, since the dispatch of the agenda, been convicted of offences or who has otherwise given reason for concern.
- 1.2 Given the serious nature and the recency of the offence and in the interests of public safety, the Chairman is requested that the Sub-Committee consider the case at the meeting of 27th October 2015 following an immediate suspension of the licence holder.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the referral as appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Licensed drivers can be responsible for transporting vulnerable passengers. It is important for the protection of the public that only fit and proper persons are licensed.

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:

None, as the Sub-Committee is required to determine the referral.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is "Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine whether or not the licence holder remains a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicle driver's licence , in respect of the following case:

P.J.W. (Existing)

5.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendix 3(b).

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

List of Appendices:

Appendix 3(b) Details of cases (not for publication)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the licence holder remains a fit and proper person to be licensed.

6.2 There is the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

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

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