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# Blackpool Council

10 October 2014

To: Councillors Cox, Mrs Delves, Doherty, Hutton, Mrs Jackson, O'Hara and Mrs Taylor

The above members are requested to attend the:

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 21 October 2014 at 10.00 am  
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool FY1 1GB

## **A G E N D A**

### **ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Head of Democratic Governance has marked with an asterisk (\*) those items where the Committee may need to consider whether the public should be excluded from the meeting as the items are likely to disclose exempt information.

The nature of the exempt information is shown in brackets after the item.

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned; and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

### **2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2014** (Pages 1 - 2)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 as a true and correct record.

\* **3 PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE**

(Pages 3 - 8)

(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)

**4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**Venue information:**

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

**Other information:**

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 23  
SEPTEMBER 2014

**Present:**

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

Cox	Doherty	Mrs Taylor
Mrs Delves	O'Hara	

**In Attendance:**

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service  
Bernadette Jarvis, Senior Democratic Services Adviser  
Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**2 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the whole item, including the decisions referred to at Agenda item 4 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4 APPLICATIONS TO LICENCE A CINDERELLA HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application to licence a modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage. During consideration of the application, Members conducted a visual inspection of the Carriage.

Mr Savage, the applicant, was invited to speak on behalf of the application.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Carriage had recently passed the inspection undertaken by the Council's approved Inspector.

During a general discussion regarding the merits of the application, Members commented favourably on the style of the Carriage.

**Resolved:** That the application to licence a modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage be granted.

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 23  
SEPTEMBER 2014**

Background papers: None

**5 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Sub-Committee was informed of one new application for both a Private Hire vehicle and Hackney Carriage driver's licence and two new applications for a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence that had given sufficient cause for concern as to be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

HCJ and LAK were in attendance at the meeting.

**Resolved:**

1. That the case in respect of TGB be heard in his absence as he had attended the previous meeting and was aware that the Sub-Committee had agreed to defer consideration of the case to this meeting.
2. That in the case of TGB, the application for a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence be granted.
3. That in the case of HCJ, the application for a Private Hire vehicle and Hackney Carriage driver's licence be granted.
4. That in the case of LAK, the application for a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence be granted, subject to him satisfactorily passing the required knowledge test.

Background papers: Exempt

**6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

**Chairman**

(The meeting ended 10.47 am)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:  
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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2014

## PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an applicant who has been convicted of offences or who has otherwise given reasons for concern.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the application 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, the Sub-Committee is required to determine the application.

### 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 applicant is a fit and

proper person to hold a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage driver's licence, in respect of the following case:

W.B. (New application)

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

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

**List of Appendices:**

3(a) Details of cases (not for publication)

**6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the applicant is 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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