

Blackpool Council

7 November 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, 18 November 2014 at 10.00 am
in Committee Room B, 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 MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2014 (Pages 1 - 2)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 21st October 2014 as a true and correct record.

*** 3 HORSE DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE** (Pages 3 - 12)

(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 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE** (Pages 13 - 26)

(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)

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 16th December 2014.

Venue information:

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

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Bernadette Jarvis, Senior Democratic Services Advisor, Tel: (01253) 477157, e-mail bernadette.jarvis@blackpool.gov.uk

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Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

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| Cox | Cllr Doherty | O'Hara |
| Mrs Delves | Cllr Mrs Jackson | Mrs Taylor |

In Attendance:

Mark Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager
Bernadette Jarvis, Senior Democratic Services Adviser

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 3 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 23RD SEPTEMBER 2014

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

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

WB was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved:

1. That in the case of WB, the application for a Private Hire vehicle and Hackney Carriage driver's licence be granted subject to a warning letter being issued indicating that in the event of future offences the licence may be suspended or revoked.
2. That in the case of WB, no action would be taken to prosecute for failure to disclose his previous caution.

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
2014**

Background papers: Exempt

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 18th November 2014.

Chairman

(The meeting ended 10.25am)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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| Report to: | PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE |
| Relevant Officer: | Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service |
| Date of Meeting | 18 th November 2014 |

HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider licence holders who have been convicted of offences or who have otherwise given reasons for concern.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the referrals 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 referrals.

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 existing licensed drivers are fit and proper persons to hold a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver's licence, in respect of the following cases:

K.C. (Existing), P.S. (Existing), C.J.W.S. (Existing)

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 drivers are fit and proper persons 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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| Report to: | PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE |
| Relevant Officer: | Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service |
| Date of Meeting | 18 th November 2014 |

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applicants who have been convicted of offences or who have otherwise given reasons for concern.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the applications 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 applications.

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 applicants are fit and proper persons to hold a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence, in respect of the following cases:

D.K.A. (New), N.C. (New), N.L.D. (New) and D.U (New)

5.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendix 4(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

Yes

List of Appendices:

4(a): Details of cases (not for publication)

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the applicants are 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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