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# **BlackpoolCouncil**

10 July 2015

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

The above members are requested to attend the:

# **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 21 July 2015 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool, FY1 1GB

# AGENDA

#### 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 16TH JUNE 2015 (Pages 1 - 10)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as a true and correct record.

# 3 APPLICATION TO LICENSE A CINDERELLA HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE (Pages 11 - 14)

To consider an application to license a Modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

# 4 APPLICATION TO LICENCE A MODIFIED HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE (Pages 15 - 18)

To consider an application to license a Modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

#### \* 5 HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES (Pages 19 - 30)

(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)

#### \* 6 PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES (Pages 31 - 38)

(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)

#### \* 7 DONKEY DRIVERS LICENCES

(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)

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#### 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

#### Venue information:

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

#### Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Chris Williams, Democratic Governance Advisor, Tel: 01253 477153, e-mail: chris.williams@blackpool.gov.uk

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# Agenda Item 2 MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2015

#### Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

CoxMitchellSingletonHumphreysRobertson BEM

#### In Attendance:

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service Bernadette Jarvis, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser Keith Marsden, Public Protection Officer Mark Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer Dave Verity, Public Protection Officer Chris Williams, Democratic Services Adviser

#### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL 2015

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **3 APPLICATION TO LICENCE A CINDERELLA HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY 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 Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, informed the Sub-Committee that the Carriage had been inspected by the Council's Carriage Inspector and he had confirmed that it had met the required standard.

Ms Sinderson, the applicant, was in attendance at the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

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

#### MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2015

#### 4 APPLICATION TO LICENCE A CINDERELLA HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY 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 Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, informed the Sub-Committee that the Carriage had been inspected by the Council's Carriage Inspector and he had confirmed that it had met the required standard.

Mrs Nicholls, on behalf of the applicant was in attendance at the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

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

#### **5 HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES**

The Sub-Committee was informed of two new applications for a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence and an existing Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver that had given sufficient cause for concern as to be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

Members discussed the applications and referrals as follows:

#### (i) <u>TB – New application for a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence</u>

Mr Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

TB was in attendance at the meeting accompanied by a friend and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted the nature of the applicant's conviction and that it had occurred approximately 12 months ago. Members also noted that the applicant had failed to declare the conviction on his application form.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the applicant and his friend relating to the circumstances that had led to the conviction and the reasons given for his failure to declare the conviction on the application form.

Members expressed serious concerns regarding both the nature of the conviction and the relatively short length of time that had elapsed since the conviction. The Sub-Committee, although not satisfied at the explanation given for the failure to declare the conviction, agreed that on this occasion it would not be appropriate to take further action in relation to this.

#### **Resolved:**

- (1) To not prosecute for failure to declare the conviction.
- (2) That the application for a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to his previous conviction and failure to declare the conviction on the application form.

#### (ii) JS – New application for a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

Mr Ratcliffe presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

JS was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the applicant in relation to the circumstances surrounding the convictions.

The Sub-Committee noted that two of the convictions had occurred many years ago and did not consider that the nature of the recent convictions would result in her being deemed not a fit and proper person to hold a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver's licence.

Resolved: That the application for a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver's licence be granted.

#### (iii) MJL – Existing Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Driver

Mr Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager, and Mr Verity, Public Protection Officer, who were in attendance during consideration of this case presented it on behalf of the Authority. Mr Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, was also in attendance.

The Sub-Committee was informed that a letter had been sent to the driver informing him of the hearing but no response had been received to date. The Sub-Committee initially agreed to start to consider the case in the driver's absence.

The Sub-Committee was informed of the serious defects to the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage that had resulted in an immediate prohibition notice being issued as it had been deemed unfit to be on the road. Photographs showing the condition of the vehicle were circulated to Members. The Sub-Committee noted the officer's report that comments had been made by the driver stating that no action had been taken by the owner following the driver reporting the problems with the Carriage to him.

During consideration of the case, Members expressed concerns at the serious defects on the Carriage that would have been clearly visible to the driver and the risks to public safety from the defects. The Sub-Committee was also concerned at the apparent lack of responsibility taken by the driver for the safety of the Carriage and its passengers. Due to the seriousness of the defects and the fact that the Sub-Committee was considering suspension of his licence, Members agreed to defer consideration of the case to the next meeting to offer the driver a further opportunity to attend.

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**Resolved:** To defer consideration of the case to its next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to allow the driver a further opportunity to attend.

Background papers: Exempt

#### **6 PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES**

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

Members discussed the applications and referrals as follows:

(i) <u>SB – New application for a Hackney Carriage driver's licence</u>

Mr Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

SB was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the driver had previously held a licence but that this had been revoked the previous year due to a number of driving offences that had resulted in a disqualification from driving. Members considered the driver's representations relating to the impact that his inability to work had had on him and his family and his personal circumstances at the time of the incident.

The Sub-Committee expressed serious concerns at the nature of the offences and the relatively short time that had elapsed since the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) had reinstated his driving licence.

**Resolved:** That the application for a Hackney Carriage driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to the number and nature of his previous driving offences.

#### (ii) ASW – Existing Hackney Carriage driver

Mr Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

ASW was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the driver had declared two convictions on his recent application for renewal of his Hackney Carriage driver's licence, one of which related to a driving offence. Members were also informed of a further declaration on the application form relating to a pending traffic offence for which the outcome was unknown at the time of writing the report. In response to questions, the applicant confirmed that this offence had recently been determined and had resulted in further points being added to his driving licence.

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The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the driver relating to the circumstances surrounding the convictions.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the representations made by both parties and expressed serious concerns regarding the applicant's previous driving record and the number and nature of his previous convictions.

**Resolved:** That the application for renewal of a Hackney Carriage driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to the number and nature of his previous convictions.

#### (iii) JLH – New application for a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence

Mr Ratcliffe, Licensing Officer, presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

JLH was in attendance at the meeting, accompanied by his father, and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had received a large number of criminal convictions in a relatively short space of time, some of which were for violence related offences. The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the applicant regarding the circumstances surrounding the incidents and the change in his personal circumstances.

The Sub-Committee expressed concern at the number and seriousness of the offences committed.

**Resolved:** That the application for a Private Hire vehicle driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to his previous convictions.

(iv) MAP - New application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence

Mr Ratcliffe presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

MAP was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

An amended copy of the applicant's statement was circulated to the Sub-Committee as the original statement that had been attached to the agenda was incomplete. The Sub-Committee noted that it had previously revoked the applicant's licences due to the applicant's arrest following an allegation of a serious incident. It also noted that subsequently the police had agreed to take no further action in relation to the incident. The Sub-Committee also agreed to consider additional information in the form of a police report on the alleged incident.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the applicant in relation to the circumstances surrounding the alleged incident and his responses to the information in the witness statement that had been included within the papers.

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The Sub-Committee also noted that the applicant had failed to declare a previous conviction on his application form.

The Sub-Committee, after considering all the evidence available to it, expressed serious concerns regarding the previous conduct of the applicant.

### **Resolved:**

- 1. To not prosecute for failure to declare a previous police caution.
- 2. That the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to his previous conduct being significantly below the standards expected of a licensed driver.
- (v) FT New application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence

Mr Ratcliffe presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

FT was in attendance and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had previously had his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence revoked following an arrest for an alleged serious assault. The Sub-Committee also noted that a recent Disclosure and Barring Service check that had been received by the Licensing Service in relation to the applicant showed no recorded convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the applicant relating to the incident that had led to the arrest.

Nothwithstanding the applicant's lack of a criminal record, the Sub-Committee, after considering all the information before it, expressed serious concerns regarding his previous conduct.

**Resolved:** That the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he was not a fit and proper person due to his previous conduct being significantly below the standards expected of a licensed driver.

## (vi) <u>LPB – existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver</u>

Mr Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager was in attendance during consideration of this case and presented it on behalf of the Authority. Mr Marsden, Public Protection Officer, was also in attendance during consideration of this case.

LPB was in attendance and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was presented with CCTV footage of three incidents involving the driver that had recently occurred. Members also considered the representations made by the driver regarding the circumstances surrounding the incidents and the driver's personal situation at the time that the incidents had occurred.

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The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence before it and expressed concerns at the behaviour of the driver during the incidents whilst at the same time noting the representations made regarding his personal situation at the time. Members also noted that there had been no complaints regarding his ability to be a licensed driver.

**Resolved:** That a severe warning letter be issued regarding future conduct.

**NOTE:** Councillor Singleton requested that her vote against the motion to issue a severe warning letter be recorded.

#### (vii) <u>WB – Existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver</u>

Mr Ratcliffe presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

WB was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the driver had previously been issued with a warning letter by this Sub-Committee in relation to future conduct. The Sub-Committee also noted a recent police caution that had been received by the driver.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made by the driver and the information provided by the driver's solicitor in relation to the incident that had led to the police caution. Members also noted that the driver had brought the matter of the police caution to the attention of the Licensing Service.

**Resolved:** That, in view of the previous police cautions, a severe warning letter be issued regarding future conduct.

Background papers: Exempt

#### 7 REVIEW OF EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee was informed of an existing Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Proprietor that had given sufficient cause for concern as to be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

Mr Marshall was in attendance during consideration of this case and presented it on behalf of the Authority. Mr Verity, Public Protection Officer was also in attendance and provided information to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Ratcliffe advised the Sub-Committee that the proprietor, NP, had contacted the Licensing Service stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting. He advised that NP had not requested that the hearing be deferred.

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The Sub-Committee considered representations made by Mr Marshall and Mr Verity on the serious defects with the proprietor's Carriage that had resulted in an immediate prohibition notice being issued as it had been deemed unfit to be on the road. Photographs showing the condition of the vehicle were circulated to Members. The Sub-Committee noted that the proprietor had indicated that he intended to transfer the Licence to a second Horse-Drawn Carriage that he owned and that on inspection it had appeared that the proposed replacement Carriage was in a good condition.

During consideration of the case, Members expressed concerns at the serious defects on the Carriage and the risks to public safety from the defects.

#### **Resolved:**

- 1. To consider the case in the Proprietor's absence as he had indicated that he would not be attending the meeting and had not requested that the hearing be deferred.
- 2. That the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be suspended for a period of six weeks on the grounds that he had allowed a Hackney Carriage owned by him to be used in a condition that presented a serious risk to public safety.

#### NOTE: MOTION MOVED, SECONDED, VOTED UPON AND LOST

During consideration of the above item, the following motion was moved, seconded, voted upon and lost:

'That the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be revoked.'

**NOTE:** Councillor Singleton requested that her vote against the motion to suspend the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage Licence for a period of six weeks be recorded.

Background papers: Exempt

#### **8 DONKEY DRIVERS LICENCES**

The Sub-Committee was informed of an application for a Donkey Driver's Licence that had given sufficient cause for concern as to be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

Mr Ratcliffe presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

JJTH was in attendance at the meeting and made representations to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant had previously been licensed as a Donkey Driver for a period of three years, during which time his record had been exemplary. Members also noted that since he had last been licensed he had received a police caution. The Sub-Committee considered representations made by the applicant relating to the circumstances that had led to the caution. The Sub-Committee expressed concerns regarding the nature of the offence for which he had been cautioned but at the same time acknowledged his prior good conduct.

**Resolved:** That the application for a Donkey Driver's licence be granted, subject to a warning letter being issued relating to future conduct.

Background papers: Exempt

#### 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

#### Chairman

(The meeting ended3.58 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact: Bernadette Jarvis Senior Democratic Services Advisor Tel: (01253) 477212 E-mail: bernadette.jarvis@blackpool.gov.uk

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Decision/ Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015

#### APPLICATION TO LICENCE A CINDERELLA HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE

#### **1.0** Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application to licence a modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine whether this Carriage is suitable to be licensed as a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Licensed Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages are responsible for transporting passengers. It is important for the protection of the public that only carriages that are suitable and fit for purpose to be licensed.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or No approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, as 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 On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Paul Savage made an application to licence a Cinderella Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee decided at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 to permit any style carriage however any carriages that were not of the traditional style were required to be produced before the Sub-Committee for approval.
- 5.3 Since the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 up until the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the Public Protection Sub-Committee has licensed 13 Cinderella style Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.
- 5.4 The Carriage has not yet been inspected by the Council's carriage inspector, the inspection is due to be arranged pending the decision of the Public Protection Sub-Committee
- 5.5 The applicant has been invited to attend the meeting and bring the Carriage for inspection by the Sub-Committee
- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

#### List of Appendices:

None

#### 6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Head of Legal Services will be represented to advise the Sub-Committee.
- 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

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Decision/ Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015

### APPLICATION TO LICENCE A MODIFIED HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE

#### **1.0** Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider an application to licence a Modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

#### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine whether this carriage is suitable to be licensed as a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Licensed Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages are responsible for transporting passengers. It is important for the protection of the public that only carriages that are suitable and fit for purpose to be licensed.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or No approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

#### 4.0 Council Priority:

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

#### 5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015, Michael Marriott and Leonie Cooper made an application to licence a Modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee decided at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 to permit any style carriage however any carriages that were not of the traditional style were required to be produced before the Sub-Committee for approval.
- 5.3 Since the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 up until the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the Public Protection Sub-Committee has licensed 13 Cinderella style Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.
- 5.4 The carriage has not yet been inspected by the Council's carriage inspector, the inspection is due to be arranged pending the decision of the Public Protection Sub-Committee
- 5.5 The applicant has been invited to attend the meeting and bring the carriage for inspection by the Sub-Committee
- 5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

#### List of Appendices:

a) Details of cases (not for publication)

#### 6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Head of Legal Services will be represented to advise the Sub-Committee
- 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

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Services
Date of Meeting	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015

# HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES

#### **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 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 No approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, as 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 licence holders are fit and proper persons to hold a Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage driver's licence, in respect of the following cases:

M.L (Existing), D.P (Existing)

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:

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

#### 6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the licence holders 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	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015

# PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES

#### **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 No approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, as 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 licence holders are fit and proper persons to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver's licence and a Hackney Carriage driver's licence , in respect of the following cases:

A.J.Y (Existing), J.L (Existing)

5.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendix 5(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

Yes

#### List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a) Details of cases (not for publication)

#### 6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the licence holders 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	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2015

# **DONKEY DRIVERS LICENCES**

#### **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 No approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved Yes budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None, as 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 Donkey Driver's licence , in respect of the following cases:

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5.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendix 6(a).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

#### List of Appendices:

Appendix 6(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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