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25 November 2016

To: Councillors Collett, Humphreys, Hutton, Maycock, Mitchell, Robertson BEM and Singleton

The above members are requested to attend the:

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6 December 2016 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

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 8 NOVEMBER 2016 (Pages 1 - 2)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 November 2016 as a true and correct record.

*** 3 PRIVATE HIRE AND 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 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting as 24 January 2017.

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 Adviser, Tel: (01253) 477153, e-mail: chris.williams@blackpool.gov.uk

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MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2016

Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

Hunter	Owen	Singleton
Maycock	Robertson BEM	L Taylor

In Attendance:

Mrs Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Mr Chris Williams, Democratic Services Adviser

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2016

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 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 decision 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.

4 PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Sub-Committee was informed of an existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle driver who had given sufficient cause for concern as to be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

Members discussed the referral as follows:

PNC – Existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver

PNC was not in attendance and made no representations to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Ryan Radcliffe, Licensing Officer, who was in attendance, presented the case on behalf of the Authority.

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Members reasoned that it could help them to reach a decision if the driver was present during consideration of the case. The Sub-Committee therefore agreed to defer considerations to the next meeting to allow PNC a further opportunity to attend.

Resolved:

To defer consideration of the case to the 6 December 2016 meeting to allow the driver a further opportunity to attend.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 6 December 2016.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.43 pm)

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	6 December 2016

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider a licence holder 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 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 "The Economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine whether or not the licence holder is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle driver's

licence, in respect of the following case:

P.N.C (Existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver)

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

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

5.4 **List of Appendices:**

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

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the licence holder 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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