

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting	23 rd February 2016

URGENT REFERRAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE 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 has requested that the Sub-Committee consider the case at the meeting of 23rd February 2016.

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 vehicle driver's licence, in respect of the following case:

M.K. (Existing Private Hire vehicle driver)

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Appendix 3(b) Details of cases (not for publication)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