

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service
Date of Meeting:	25 May 2016

HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE IDENTIFICATION PLATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the proposal of the Licensing Service to implement a new style identification plate on all Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree the new Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage identification plate in the style as attached at Appendix 4 (a).

2.2 To agree that this identification plate be implemented from 3 June 2016.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Issues with the current Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage identification plate have been identified by the Licensing Service. A new style of identification plate has therefore been proposed, which will contain more information to aid enforcement officers and to bring them in line with the style of plate already used on motorised Hackney Carriage vehicles. The proposed 2016 Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage identification plate proof is attached at Appendix 4 (a)

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

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 Licensing Service has identified the need to update the current identification plates used on Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages. It is the opinion of the enforcement authorities that given that the current identification plates have been used since the early 1990’s, they are no longer fit for purpose. It is therefore proposed that the identification plates be changed in the interests of providing more information to enforcement officers and to a similar style as those used to identify motorised Hackney Carriage vehicles. The proposed 2016 Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage identification plate proof is attached at Appendix 4 (a)

5.2 A proof of the new 2016 plate is attached at Appendix 4 (a); the new plate contains more information than the existing version. In addition to the identifying number, it includes the carriage type, expiry date and the number of passengers it is permitted to carry.

5.3 The Licensing Service has consulted with the secretary of the Landau Association on the new plates and there were no concerns noted.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): 2016 Updated Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage identification plate (proof).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

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