

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

APPLICATIONS TO LICENSE CINDERELLA HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider four applications to license modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine whether the carriages are 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 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 Three applications have been received to license Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages that are not of the traditional style.

5.2 On the 25 March 2016, Paul Savage made an application to license a Cinderella Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

5.3 On the 11 April 2016, Mr Gary Edwards made an application to license a Cinderella Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

5.4 On the 14 April 2016, Joseph Davidson made an application to license a Cinderella Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

5.5 On the 16 May 2016, Kristopher Simmons made an application to license a Cinderella Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.

5.6 The Sub-Committee decided at its meeting on the 23 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.

5.7 Since the 21 October 2010 up until the 21 July 2015 the Public Protection Sub-Committee has licensed 17 non-traditional style Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.

5.8 At the time of writing this report the carriages have not been inspected but are due to be inspected by the Council's approved inspector prior to the meeting. A verbal update on the results of the inspection will be provided to the Sub-Committee.

5.9 The applicant has been invited to attend the meeting and bring the carriage for inspection by the Sub-Committee

5.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.11 List of Appendices:

None

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Head of Licensing Service 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