Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE
Decision or Item number	4
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Head of Democratic Services
Date of Meeting	1 st July 2014

APPLICATION TO LICENCE A MODIFIED HORSE-DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Sub-Committee 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 are licensed.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or 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, the Sub-Committee is required to consider 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 On the 19th May 2014, David John Shea made a request to licence a modified Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee decided at its meeting on the 23rd 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 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.
- 5.4 The applicant has been invited to attend the meeting.
- 5.5 Colour photographs of the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage will be circulated at the meeting.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): Photographs of the Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriage

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The Head of Legal Services will be represented at the meeting 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