

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of Meeting	3 November 2020

DELEGATION OF POWERS – GRANT/REFUSAL OF HORSE DRAWN HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES OF A NON-TRADITIONAL STYLE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider amending the existing delegation which permits the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager to grant a Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage that is of a non-traditional style.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee approve the amended delegation.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Licensed carriages are responsible for transporting passengers. It is important for the protection of the public that only suitable vehicles that are fit for purpose 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:

The Sub-Committee could decline to amend the existing delegation.

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 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.

5.2 Since the 21 October 2010 up until the 28 July 2020 the Public Protection Sub-Committee has licensed 25 non-traditional style Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages.

5.3 The Sub-Committee during their deliberations on the 28 July 2020, requested that power be delegated to the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager in respect of any future applications for a non-traditional style Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

None

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 Minutes of 28 July 2020 Public Protection Sub-Committee