

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Tim Coglan, Head of Public Protection
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	24 May 2022

## **POLICY UPDATE**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To update the Committee on the status of policies within its area of responsibility.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To note the update.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 One of the responsibilities of the Committee is to ensure that relevant policies are kept under regular review.

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 Committee is responsible for keeping policies within its area of responsibility under regular review to ensure that they remain fit for purpose.

5.2 Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003

This is a statutory policy, requiring review at least every five years. The current policy took effect on 11 February 2021. A full review and consultation exercise is not scheduled to take place until 2025 but this does not prohibit an earlier review if required.

5.3 Statement of Policy and Principles - Gambling Act 2005

This is a statutory policy requiring review every three years. This policy is due for a review. The Licensing Committee will be asked to consider a draft document for consultation at its next meeting.

5.4 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

The current policy took effect in February 2018. A full review is underway and the Public Protection Sub-Committee will consider a draft document at its meeting in June 2022. If approved for consultation, the Licensing Committee will be invited to consider a proposed policy at a meeting in the autumn, potentially a special meeting in October.

5.5 Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy

This policy took effect in 2016. A full review is required. Officers aim to prepare a consultation document for consideration at the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting in September 2022.

5.6 Sex Establishment Policy

This policy was reviewed in 2021 and is scheduled for review in 2026.

5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 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 None.