

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of Meeting:	1 November 2022

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applicants who have been convicted of offences or who have otherwise given reasons for concern.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 The Sub-Committee will be requested to determine the referrals as appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 Licensed drivers can be responsible for transporting vulnerable passengers. It is important for the protection of the public that only fit and proper persons are licensed.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None, as the Sub-Committee is required to determine the application and referrals.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:
"The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

6.0 Background information

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine whether or not the applicants are fit and proper persons to hold Private Hire and Hackney Carriage driver licences in respect of the following cases:

P.B.H. (Existing driver)

M.D.B. (New applicant)

6.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendices 3(a) to 3(e).

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

The appendices in this report are exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

7.0 List of Appendices:

- 7.1 Appendix 3(a) P.B.H. Details of case (not for publication)
- Appendix 3(b) P.B.H. DVLA Check (not for publication)
- Appendix 3(c) M.D.B. Details of Case (not for publication)
- Appendix 3(d) M.D.B. DBS enhanced certificate (not for publication)
- Appendix 3(e) M.D.B. Application form (not for publication)

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that the applicants are fit and proper persons to be licensed.

There is the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.