Report to: PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Relevant Officer: Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager

Date of meeting: 23 April 2024

# HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

### 1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To consider an applicant who has been convicted of offences or who has otherwise given reasons for concern.

## 2.0 Recommendation(s)

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

#### 3.0 Reason 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 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 and key information

6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine whether or not the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver licence in respect of the following case:

J.P.G. (New)

6.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendices 4(a) and 4(b). 6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes 7.0 List of appendices 7.1 Appendix 4(a) J.P.G. Details of case (not for publication) Appendix 4(b) J.P.G. Decision Notice (not for publication) 8.0 **Financial considerations** 8.1 None. 9.0 **Legal considerations** 9.1 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.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 applicant is a fit and proper person 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 and the impact of this decision for our children and young people 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.