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9 February 2024

To: Councillors S Brookes, Humphreys, Hunter, Jones, Roe, D Scott and Walsh

The above members are requested to attend the:

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 6.00 pm  
in Committee Room A, Town Hall

## **A G E N D A**

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### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

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**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2024** (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2024 as a true and correct record.

**3 TAXI FARES REVIEW FOR 2024/25 - BLACKPOOL TAXI ASSOCIATION (B.T.A) SUBMISSION** (Pages 7 - 14)

To consider an application by the Blackpool Taxi Association (B.T.A) for proposed changes to the Blackpool Hackney Carriage tariffs to commence in March 2024.

**\* 4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE** (Pages 15 - 38)

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

(This item contains personal information regarding applicants and licence holders which is exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

**5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of next meeting as Tuesday 26 March 2024.

**Venue information:**

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

**Other information:**

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**Public Document Pack Agenda Item 2**  
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY**  
**2024**

**Present:**

Councillor Hunter (in the Chair)

Councillors

S Brookes	Jones	D Scott
Humphreys	Roe	Walsh

**In Attendance:**

Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Advisor  
Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Public Protection Sub-Committee considered excluding the public and press from agenda item three as that item contained information which was exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

It considered that the public interest would not be served by allowing the information to be held in open session due to the sensitive information about individuals outlined.

**Resolved:** That under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item three, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences.

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2023**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**4 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES**

The Sub-Committee considered the cases of applicants and licence holders who had been convicted of offences or who had otherwise given reasons for concern.

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i) A.B.N.

Mr Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Enforcement Officer, presented the case in relation to A.B.N. who had applied for a new Private Hire Driver's Licence on 7 September 2023. The Disclosure and Barring Service and DVLA checks submitted as part of the application had revealed convictions for three separate offences in August 2015 for two minor road traffic offences and failure to appear at court together with a conviction for no insurance from August 2022 for which A.B.N had 6 live points on their DVLA driving licence. A previous speeding offence from December 2019 for which they had received three points, which had been live at the time of application, had since been removed from their record in December 2023.

A.B.N. had failed to disclose any of the offences at the time of application and Mr Ratcliffe drew the Sub-Committee's attention to Section 9 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in relation to motoring convictions which stated that, although an isolated incident would not prevent the granting of a licence, multiple motoring convictions may indicate that an applicant did not exhibit the behaviours of a safe road user and one that is suitable to drive professionally. He therefore asked the Sub-Committee to give careful consideration to A.B.N.'s fitness and propriety to be a licensed driver and recommended that the minimum of a strict warning was given.

Appearing before the Sub-Committee A.B.N. explained that the conviction for no insurance in 2022 had been as a result of a misunderstanding as to whether they were insured to drive another person's vehicle under their own policy which had recently been updated and the terms of the policy changed. The two minor road traffic offences in 2015 also related to having no insurance, however A.B.N. assured the Sub-Committee that they had not been driving when Police approached the vehicle and had only been using it to sit in the driver's seat to shelter from the rain whilst waiting for a friend.

A.B.N. apologised for not disclosing the offences at the time of application and presented a copy of a Basic Disclosure certificate that had previously been issued to them in July 2023 which had not recorded any of the offences. They explained that they were unaware that the Enhanced Disclosure certificate returned as part of the application process would include the convictions and that they therefore were not aware that should have been disclosed.

The Sub-Committee considered the information presented by both parties, noting A.B.N.'s explanation for not disclosing the offences. Concerns were expressed that A.B.N had been convicted of insurance related offences on two separate occasions in 2015 and 2022 however acknowledged the explanation provided and on balance agreed to grant the licence with a severe warning letter that in the event of any future incidents the licence may be suspended or revoked.

**Resolved:** That A.B.N.'s new Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted with a severe warning letter that in the event of any future incidents the licence may be suspended or revoked.

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ii) H.M.

Mr Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Enforcement Officer, presented the case on behalf of the Licensing Authority. H.M. had applied for new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences having previously been licensed from December 2010 until September 2019 when their licences had been revoked by the Sub-Committee following an altercation with two passengers which had resulted in a caution for common assault. H.M. had also appeared before the Sub-Committee in October 2016 when they had been issued with a severe warning letter following an incident whereby they had been alleged to have used threatening and abusive behaviour towards a member of the public whilst driving a licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle.

Mr Ratcliffe reminded members that previous new applications for H.M. to be re-licensed in August 2021 and February 2023 had both been refused by the Public Protection Sub-Committee. The last refusal decision letter issued had stated that the Sub-Committee wanted assurance that H.M. would be able to deal with challenging situations in an appropriate manner and evidence of online Anger Management and Identifying Causes of Conflict course certificates, which had been completed in September 2023, had therefore been attached to the current application.

The Sub-Committee's attention was drawn to Section 3 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which stated that where applicants had been connected with any offence of violence a licence would not be granted until at least 10 years had elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed. Mr Ratcliffe reminded the Sub-Committee that as H.M. had been cautioned in May 2019 it was less than the ten years suggested in the policy and therefore recommended that careful consideration was given as to whether to depart from that policy and grant the licences.

H.M. attended the meeting to present their case, acknowledging the various previous appearances that they had made before the Sub-Committee and apologised for the incident which had resulted in the revocation of their licence in 2019. Online Anger Management and Identifying Causes of Conflict courses had been undertaken within a week of their last appearance on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee and the learnings from that training were outlined with H.M. assuring members that they had learned not to react or retaliate to any confrontational situations in future.

Members asked for further information as to the level of detail presented on the courses undertaken, with Mr Ratcliffe advising that research into the courses indicated that the duration of each was only 30 minutes and 2 hours respectively. In response, H.M. advised that they had taken around 3-4 hours to complete each course, longer than the recommended timescale, and that various learnings such the need to change their own behaviour and breathing techniques had been developed.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the information provided by both parties, noting that H.M. had promptly complied with the suggestion of the Sub-Committee since their

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last appearance in September 2023 to source anger management and conflict resolution training and that they appeared to be calmer and more reflective, acknowledging their previous mistakes. Some concerns were expressed as to how in-depth the training had been and how H.M. would react if and when a real life challenging situation presented itself in the future however, on balance, the Sub-Committee agreed to depart from the policy and grant the licences with a severe warning letter that in the event of any future misconduct the licences would likely be suspended or revoked.

**Resolved:** That H.M.'s new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences be granted with a severe warning letter that in the event of any future misconduct the licences would likely be suspended or revoked.

iii) C.C.

Mr Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Enforcement Officer, presented the case in relation to C.C. who was an existing Private Hire Driver. Information had been received from Lancashire Constabulary Road Policing Unit in August 2023 relating to an incident involving C.C. while they had been driving their Private Hire vehicle whereby the vehicle had been stopped by a traffic Police Constable for unacceptable driving. C.C. had failed to identify themselves to the Constable at the time of the incident and a Section 172 Road Traffic Act notice had been issued, following which C.C. later identified themselves and was subsequently reported for an offence of driving without due care and attention for which a trial date had been set for July 2024.

Following that incident C.C. had contacted the Licensing Service in both September and October 2023 to advise that they had been convicted of three separate speeding offences and a subsequent DVLA check confirmed that they currently had 9 points on their driving licence. The Sub-Committee's attention was drawn to Section 9 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which stated that, whilst a single traffic offence may not necessitate the revocation of a licence, multiple motoring convictions may indicate that an applicant does not exhibit the behaviours of a safe road user and one that is suitable to drive professionally. The Sub-Committee was therefore asked to carefully consider whether C.C. remained a fit and proper person to be licensed.

Appearing before the Sub-Committee C.C. outlined the circumstances which had led to them being charged with driving without due care and attention. The incident had taken place on a busy match day outside Bloomfield Road stadium and C.C. had initially been directed to manoeuvre past coaches which had stopped to offload supporters. On approaching the final coaches a blockage had occurred following which C.C. had driven over the central reservation to get past. C.C. acknowledged that they should have waited in the circumstances however did not consider their behaviour to be aggressive and explained that they did not refuse to identify themselves as they had to move on quickly due to a build-up of traffic and therefore had not had time to present their taxi badge to the officer. Following legal advice the matter was proceeding to court and C.C. advised that they were confident that they would be found not guilty.

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C.C. apologised for the three speeding offences which had taken place between December 2022 and July 2023, explaining that all had taken place in the early hours of the morning during lapses of concentration whilst the roads had been quiet and that they had not been carrying passengers at the time. C.C. explained that they had been going through a stressful period in their personal lives over the last few months following the passing of their parents and as a result of financial difficulties and a medical appointment had been booked to seek help with dealing with stress which may have contributed to the lapse in concentration. Since the incidents a speed limiter had been activated on their vehicle and C.C. referred to their previous good behaviour, having never appeared before the Sub-Committee since first being licensed in 1997.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered the information presented by both parties. Although the accumulation of incidents over a short period of time was a cause for concern C.C.'s contrition was noted and members acknowledged their personal circumstances which may have contributed to the incidents and that medical attention had been sought voluntarily. On balance, and in view of C.C.'s previous good record, it considered that a warning letter should be issued to ensure future good behaviour.

**Resolved:** That no action be taken in respect of C.C. save that a warning letter be issued explaining that in the event of further issues the licence may be suspended or revoked.

iv) K.C.

Mr Ryan Ratcliffe, Licensing Enforcement Officer, informed members that K.C., an existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver, had contacted the Licensing Service to request that consideration of their case was deferred as they were unavailable to attend the meeting and wished to seek legal advice before attending to present their case in person to a future meeting.

The Sub-Committee acknowledged the request and agreed to defer consideration to its next meeting.

**Resolved:** That consideration of K.C.'s Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licences be deferred to the next meeting on 20 February 2024.

**5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 20 February 2024.

**Chairman**

(The meeting ended 7.30 pm)

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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	20 February 2024

## **TAXI FARES REVIEW FOR 2024/25 – BLACKPOOL TAXI ASSOCIATION (B.T.A) SUBMISSION**

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

1.1 To consider an application by the Blackpool Taxi Association (B.T.A) for proposed changes to the Blackpool Hackney Carriage tariffs to commence in March 2024.

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

2.1 To consider the proposed changes to the Blackpool Hackney Carriage Tariff as proposed by Blackpool Taxi Association as outlined at 2.2 to 2.5

2.2 That a change be made to the yardage and maximum tariffs as outlined in the table attached in Appendix 3(a).

2.3 That a change be made to add 40 pence to the taxi meter starting price on Tariff 3 from £3.20 to £3.60.

2.4 That a change be made to add 40 pence to the taxi meter starting price on Tariff 4 from £5.20 to £5.60.

2.5 That Tariff 2 be the minimum fare effective between 6.00hrs on 27 December and 18.00hrs on 31 December.

2.6 Subject to 2.1 to approve the fare increase for advertisement and to agree if no objections are received to authorise the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager to implement the fare increase.

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

3.1 The last increase was approved by the Sub-Committee on 17 January 2023 and involved wholesale changes to the fare structure. This was largely due the economic climate and the impact of increased fuel costs.

Since the last increase was approved fuel prices have somewhat stabilised. According to the

government weekly road fuel price statistics the average price of Diesel for 2023 was 156.53 pence per litre and Petrol was 146.73 pence per litre. This equates to approximately 20 pence less per litre of fuel for both Diesel and Petrol than the average price per litre for 2022, however the cost of living and costs associated with running and maintaining vehicles continues to increase.

An Unmet Demand Survey for Hackney Carriage vehicles was undertaken, which included rank observations that highlighted some passenger waiting at times of high demand. A recommendation was made in the final report suggesting an increase to fares at times of high demand may be of benefit.

- 3.2 Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine reports that the average taxi fare for a two mile Tariff 1 journey is currently £7.23. This increase will mean that Blackpool is below the national average. Blackpool's current maximum fare of £6.60 for a Tariff 1 two mile journey puts it in a league table position range of 223 – 237 out of 344 local authorities. The proposed increase would change that to a maximum fare of £6.80 for a Tariff 1 two mile journey and put it in a league table position of 183 - 209 out of 344 local authorities.

The Trading Standards and Licensing Manager does not consider the proposals to be unreasonable given the increases in the cost of living and the need to encourage drivers to service ranks at times of peak demand.

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

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

#### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

- 4.1 No changes to be introduced and the Blackpool Hackney Carriage tariffs to remain the same.

- 4.2 Agree to the proposed changes with amendments.

#### **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 Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 delegates discretionary powers to local authorities to fix hackney carriage fares in their district. A proposal has been received by B.T.A to review current taxi fares. A proposal to increase the overall fares to be charged is outlined in Appendix 3a. The proposal also includes the

following additions and amendments. Outlined below in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3.

Examples of the percentage increase per mile for each tariff is detailed below:

	1 Mile Journey	2 Mile Journey	4 Mile Journey	5 Mile Journey
Tariff 1	4.35% increase	6.06% increase	5.56% increase	4.62% increase
Tariff 2	0% increase	7.5% increase	8.96% increase	10.0% increase
Tariff 3	10% increase	9.3% increase	8.57% increase	12.04% increase

The overall average increase is 9.12%

The full table of proposed charges is detailed in Appendix 3(a) (B.T.A – Fare increase submission).

6.2 *40 pence to be added to the taxi meter starting price on Tariff 3 and 4.*

B.T.A consider the 40 pence increase modest and it should be noted that the starting price for Tariff 3 and 4 has not been increased in over 15 years. Tariff 3 is operative from midnight to 06.00hrs daily and it is the opinion of B.T.A this increase to the starting price will encourage drivers to service ranks at peak demand times.

6.3 *Tariff 2 to be effective from 6.00hrs on 27 December until 18.00hrs on 31 December.*

It is the opinion of B.T.A this increase will assist the hackney carriage trade in continuing to remain competitive with the private hire trade during the festive season.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 3(a) - B.T.A Fare increase submission

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

9.1 A representative from the Council's Legal Services team will be available to advise the Sub Committee.

9.2 The proposal, if granted by the Sub-Committee, will need to be advertised before it can be implemented.

**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.

# Appendix 3a

<b>FARE INCREASE REQUEST FOR 2024 V2</b>					
<b>Tariff 1 - 1 person £2.60 start for up to 160 yards and every subsequent 160 yards 20p.</b>		<b>Tariff 2 - 1 person £2.60 start for up to 116 yards and every subsequent 116 yards 20p.</b>		<b>Tariff 3 - 1 person £3.60 start for up to 116 yards and every subsequent 116 yards 20p.</b>	
Start	2.60	Start	2.60	Start	3.60
160	2.80	116	2.80	116	3.80
320	3.00	232	3.00	232	4.00
480	3.20	348	3.20	348	4.20
640	3.40	464	3.40	464	4.40
800	3.60	580	3.60	580	4.60
960	3.80	696	3.80	696	4.80
1120	4.00	812	4.00	812	5.00
1280	4.20	928	4.20	928	5.20
1440	4.40	1044	4.40	1044	5.40
1600	4.60	1160	4.60	1160	5.60
1760	4.80	1276	4.80	1276	5.80
1920	5.00	1392	5.00	1392	6.00
2080	5.20	1508	5.20	1508	6.20
2240	5.40	1624	5.40	1624	6.40
2400	5.60	1740	5.60	1740	6.60
2560	5.80	1856	5.80	1856	6.80
2720	6.00	1972	6.00	1972	7.00
2880	6.20	2088	6.20	2088	7.20
3040	6.40	2204	6.40	2204	7.40
3200	6.60	2320	6.60	2320	7.60
3360	6.80	2436	6.80	2436	7.80
3520	7.00	2552	7.00	2552	8.00
3680	7.20	2668	7.20	2668	8.20
3840	7.40	2784	7.40	2784	8.40
4000	7.60	2900	7.60	2900	8.60
4160	7.80	3016	7.80	3016	8.80
4320	8.00	3132	8.00	3132	9.00
4480	8.20	3248	8.20	3248	9.20
4640	8.40	3364	8.40	3364	9.40
4800	8.60	3480	8.60	3480	9.60
4960	8.80	3596	8.80	3596	9.80
5120	9.00	3712	9.00	3712	10.00
5280	9.20	3828	9.20	3828	10.20
5440	9.40	3944	9.40	3944	10.40
5600	9.60	4060	9.60	4060	10.60
5760	9.80	4176	9.80	4176	10.80
5920	10.00	4292	10.00	4292	11.00
6080	10.20	4408	10.20	4408	11.20
6240	10.40	4524	10.40	4524	11.40
6400	10.60	4640	10.60	4640	11.60
6560	10.80	4756	10.80	4756	11.80
6720	11.00	4872	11.00	4872	12.00
6880	11.20	4988	11.20	4988	12.20
7040	11.40	5104	11.40	5104	12.40
7200	11.60	5220	11.60	5220	12.60
7360	11.80	5336	11.80	5336	12.80

7520	12.00	5452	12.00	5452	13.00
7680	12.20	5568	12.20	5568	13.20
7840	12.40	5684	12.40	5684	13.40
8000	12.60	5800	12.60	5800	13.60
8160	12.80	5916	12.80	5916	13.80
8320	13.00	6032	13.00	6032	14.00
8480	13.20	6148	13.20	6148	14.20
8640	13.40	6264	13.40	6264	14.40
8800	13.60	6380	13.60	6380	14.60
		6496	13.80	6496	14.80
		6612	14.00	6612	15.00
		6728	14.20	6728	15.20
		6844	14.40	6844	15.40
		6960	14.60	6960	15.60
		7076	14.80	7076	15.80
		7192	15.00	7192	16.00
		7308	15.20	7308	16.20
		7424	15.40	7424	16.40
		7540	15.60	7540	16.60
		7656	15.80	7656	16.80
		7772	16.00	7772	17.00
		7888	16.20	7888	17.20
		8004	16.40	8004	17.40
		8120	16.60	8120	17.60
		8236	16.80	8236	17.80
		8352	17.00	8352	18.00
		8468	17.20	8468	18.20
		8584	17.40	8584	18.40
		8700	17.60	8700	18.60
		8816	17.80	8816	18.80

<b>This table shows what fares are at the moment and what they will become if this increase is approved</b>			
	<b>Tariff 1</b>	<b>Tariff 2</b>	<b>Tariff 3</b>
1 mile (1760 yards)	Currently £4.60 Proposed £4.80 Increase 20p (4.35%)	Currently £5.40 Proposed £5.40 Increase nil (0%)	Currently £6.00 Proposed £6.60 Increase 60p (10%)
2 miles (3520 yards)	Currently £6.60 Proposed £7.00 Increase 40p (6.06%)	Currently £8.00 Proposed £8.60 Increase 60p (7.5%)	Currently £8.60 Proposed £9.40 Increase 80p (9.30%)
3 miles (5280 yards)	Currently £8.80 Proposed £9.20 Increase 40p (4.55%)	Currently £10.60 Proposed £11.60 Increase £1.00 (9.43%)	Currently £11.20 Proposed £12.40 Increase £1.20 (10.71%)
64 miles (7040 yards)	Currently £10.80 Proposed £11.40 Increase 60p (5.56%)	Currently £13.40 Proposed £14.60 Increase £1.20 (8.96%)	Currently £14.00 Proposed £15.20 Increase £1.20 (8.57%)
5 miles (8800 yards)	Currently £13.00 Proposed £13.60 Increase 60p (4.62%)	Currently £16.00 Proposed £17.60 Increase £1.60 (10%)	Currently £16.60 Proposed £18.60 Increase £2.00 (12.04%)
Average increase	5.03%	7.18%	10.12%

Overall average 9.12%
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**Christmas/New Year**

From 06.00 on 27th December to 22.00 on 31st December a minimum of Tariff 2 to apply.

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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	20 February 2024

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE 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 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 applicants are fit and proper persons to hold Private Hire driver licences in respect of the following cases:

D.M.B (New Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence)

C.D.H (New Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence)

K.J.C (Existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence)  
K.L.R (Existing Private Hire Driver's Licence)

- 6.2 Details of offences or matters causing concern and any supporting documents are attached at Appendices 4(a) to 4(h).
- 6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

## **7.0 List of appendices**

- 7.1 Appendix 4(a) D.M.B Details of case (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(b) D.M.B Application form (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(c) C.D.H Details of case (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(d) C.D.H DVLA check (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(e) C.D.H Application form (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(f) K.J.C Details of case (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(g) K.J.C Motor claim form (not for publication)  
Appendix 4(h) K.L.R Details of case (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 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.

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