

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of Meeting:	21 February 2023

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider applicants and licence holders 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 and licence holders are fit and proper persons to hold Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire driver licences in respect of the following cases:

S.F.R (New Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver)
M.C.M (Existing Hackney Carriage Driver)
A.P.M (Existing Hackney Carriage Driver)
M.C.E (Existing Private Hire Driver)
T.P.S (New Hackney Carriage Driver)

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

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 3(a) S.F.R Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(b) M.C.M Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(c) A.P.M Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(d) M.C.E Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(e) M.C.E MG6A Police Disclosure (not for publication)
Appendix 3(f) T.P.S Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(g) T.P.S Decision notice (not for publication)
Appendix 3(h) T.P.S DBS certificate (not for publication)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.