

Report to:	PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager
Date of meeting:	6 September 2023

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 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:

A.R.Y (Existing Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence)
H.M (New Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence)
R.J.P (New Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence)
J.M.W (New Private Hire Driver's Licence)
W.J.M (New Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence)

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

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

7.0 List of appendices

7.1 Appendix 3(a) A.R.Y Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(b) A.R.Y Statement (not for publication)
Appendix 3(c) H.M Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(d) H.M Decision notice 1 (not for publication)
Appendix 3(e) H.M Decision notice 2 (not for publication)
Appendix 3(f) H.M Letter (not for publication)
Appendix 3(g) R.J.P Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(h) R.J.P DBS certificate (not for publication)
Appendix 3(i) J.M.W Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(j) J.M.W DBS certificate (not for publication)
Appendix 3(k) J.M.W DVLA check (not for publication)
Appendix 3(l) J.M.W Application form (not for publication)
Appendix 3(m) W.J.M Details of case (not for publication)
Appendix 3(n) W.J.M DBS certificate (not for publication)
Appendix 3(o) W.J.M DVA check (not for publication)
Appendix 3(p) W.J.M 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 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