

1. **REPORT TITLE** Minutes from the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.
- Submitted by:** (Democratic Services Manager)
- Portfolio:** (Safer Communities)
- Ward(s) affected:** (All)

**Purpose of the Report**

For Council to confirm the recommendations made by the Public protection Committee at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 in relation to the age of hackney carriage vehicles and driver qualifications.

**Recommendations (to be in bold)**

**That Council confirm the recommendations of the Public Protection Committee made at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.**

**Reasons**

As this is a matter of Council Policy it falls within the remit of Full Council to confirm the recommendations.

**Background**

The following policy recommendations were made by the Public Protection Committee at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014:

- That, from 1 April, 2014, in relation to applications to licence Hackney Carriage vehicles, that are purpose built and wheelchair accessible, the vehicles shall be less than 5 years of age when first tested. These vehicles will continue to be relicensed on passing consecutive annual tests.
- That, with effect from 1 October, 2015 anyone holding either a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver's licence shall have obtained a relevant qualification, the minimum qualification being either a Btec for private hire and hackney carriage drivers or alternatively the Driving Standards Agency taxi test which incorporates wheelchair training. Any licences renewed to those without such a qualification will expire on 1 October, 2015. These licenses will then be extended to the full 3 years on the production of a relevant qualification.

2. **List of Appendices**

- Minutes of the Public Protection Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.

3. **Background Papers**

- Public Protection Agenda for the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014
- Minutes of the Public Protection Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014.