

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

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meeting date: TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2023  
title: MEDICAL REPORTS FOR DRIVERS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of the consultation and to seek Committee's authorisation for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make consequential amendment to the Council's Policy for Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers and Private Hire Operators Drivers and Vehicles and the Private Hire Drivers Licence Conditions.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - }
  - Corporate Priorities - }
  - Other Considerations - }
- The Council's aims to be a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer needs.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 13 June 2023, Committee authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to consult with drivers, operators, the Police and LCC on amendment of the Policy and Conditions to require examination and reporting on the health of an applicant for a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers Licence to be carried out by their own GP or by any qualified GP who had had sight of the applicant's medical records.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 The Head of Legal and Democratic Services consulted with the parties identified in paragraph 2.1 above. A copy of the letter and consultation papers are attached at Appendix 1. The deadline for responses was 4 August 2023.

3.2 Two responses were received. One driver indicated his support for the amendment but did not comment further. LCC Integrated Transport Services commented that the proposal seems sensible in that it adds flexibility, may reduce the cost of compliance for drivers and is in line with PSV drivers' medical arrangements.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – None.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.

- Political – None.
- Reputation – Approval of the amendments will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality & Diversity – None.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Note the outcome of the consultation.

5.2 Authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make appropriate amendments to the Policy and Conditions.

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