



# LICENSING COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

18/08/2016

## PRESENT

## MEMBERS

Councillor Ann Royle, in the Chair.

Councillors Howard Baker, Margaret Brindle, Bill Brindle, Frank Cant, Ida Carmichael, Saeed Chaudhary, Gary Frayling, Liz Monk, Paul Reynolds, and Christine White

## OFFICERS

Emma Barker	-	Principal Legal Officer
Peter Henderson	-	Principal Licensing Officer
Eric Dickinson	-	Democracy Officer

### 7. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tom Porter and Mohammed Ishtiaq

### 8. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### 9. Child Sexual Exploitation Training for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers and Operators

Members considered the introduction of child sexual exploitation (CSE) awareness training for applicants for, and all current holders of, hackney carriage and private hire vehicle drivers and operators licences.

The reason was to ensure that all licensed drivers in Burnley were better informed of the issues of child sexual exploitation and people trafficking and be able to contribute in a positive way to reducing the harm caused to children and other vulnerable persons.

## RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given to amend the pre-licence requirements for new applicants for Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers

or Operators to require them to have completed a child sexual exploitation awareness course as approved by the council, the cost of which will be met by the applicant;

(2) That approval be given to amend licence conditions for holders of existing Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers or Operators to require them to have completed a council approved child sexual exploitation awareness course. There will be no direct cost to existing drivers who complete the course prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

**(3) That Full Council be recommended to amend the Officers Scheme of Delegation for the Head of Governance Law and Regulation to enable the suspension or refusal to renew, as appropriate, of any Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Drivers and/or Operators Licence where the holders of such licences have failed to complete a council approved child sexual exploitation (CSE) course by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

**Where the Council intends to suspend a drivers/operators licence because they have failed to complete a CSE course, the licence holder will be offered the opportunity to put forward any exceptional circumstances to the Licensing Committee to show why the licence should not be suspended or why it should not be renewed.**

**The suspension of any licence would continue until such time as a driver/operator is able to complete the CSE training.**