

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item No. 7

meeting date: 31 JANUARY 2017
 title: EXTENSION OF TRAINING PROVISION ON THE PREVENTION OF CHILD EXPLOITATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek Committee's approval of the extension of mandatory training and testing on issues surrounding child sexual exploitation to all existing private hire and hackney carriage licence holders.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - }
- Corporate Priorities - } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council.
- Other Considerations - }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee will recall that on 3 November 2015 it approved the introduction of training and testing on issues of child sexual exploitation. To date this has been carried out in respect of all applicants for new licences.

2.2 The training and testing takes the form of a computer training session which ends in a test. If this is not passed the licence is not granted.

3 ISSUES

3.3 The Council now proposes to extend this to all current licence holders on renewal of their licences. It is proposed that the training and testing would only occur once should this be agreed and would not be required in respect of those existing licence holders who passed the test on application for a new licence.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – Resources will be expended in carrying out the training and testing which will be passed on to licence holders.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications identified.

- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – The Council’s reputation will be enhanced by ensuring the aspects of public safety are addressed.
- Equality & Diversity –No implications identified

5. **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Approve the extension of mandatory training and testing to all existing private hire and hackney carriage drivers on issues surrounding child sexual exploitation;
- 5.2 Authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to determine the specific requirements of such training and testing and to vary this based on guidance received from the Government, the police or other relevant body.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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