

KNOWLEDGE TEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) for all new applications for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licences received after 1st March 2011 the "fit and proper" person policy be amended to require all applicants to take a knowledge test in order to enable the Council to judge if they are "fit and proper" to hold a licence; and

RESOLVED that

- 2) the existing "knowledge" test be amended to incorporate an "essential skills" test in the form set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- 3) should an existing Private Hire Vehicle Driver be referred by Officers to the Licensing Sub Committee (Taxis), that Committee may require that they take the "knowledge" test, should that Committee consider it necessary for them to do so.