



## EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** Executive Member for Regeneration

**KEY DECISION (NO)**

**PORTFOLIO AREA:** Regeneration

**PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED:** Regeneration

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

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**SUBJECT:** Hackney Carriage – Review of Vehicle Standards

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### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To commission a Blackburn with Darwen Disability Impact Assessment on all purpose built hackney carriage vehicles, and submit the results back to the Licensing Committee at the earliest opportunity
- To amend existing policy in line with findings of high court ruling at Liverpool Council, which would allow alternative purpose built hackney carriage vehicles to be licensed subject to these vehicle types having a positive Disability Impact Assessment.
- Any alternative purpose built vehicle that is licensed as a hackney carriage must be black in colour

### 2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A recent High Court Judgement that has implications on the review that was undertaken on Hackney Carriage Vehicle Standards in February and March 2009



Following the call in of the Executive Member Decision of 30<sup>th</sup> March, and the Regeneration and Technical Scrutiny Committee of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, due consideration has been given to all the points raised at the meeting. Further notification has been received that this local authority is being legally challenged for failure to licence alternative vehicles as per the High Court judgement in the Lunt v Liverpool City Council.

### 3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

### 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Executive Member:</b> <b>Date:</b> 10 June 2010 <b>Also present:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Chief Officer:</b> ADAM SCOTT <b>Date:</b> 10 June 2010
<b>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</b>	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: Donna Riding  
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