

## PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present: County Councillor Jackie Parry(Chairperson)  
County Councillors Murphy, Goddard, Hudson, Lancaster,  
Mackie, Taylor, Wood and Williams

### 9 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

### 10 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

### 11 : MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Protection Committee and Public Protection Sub-Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and the Public Protection Sub-Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> August were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

### 12 : INFORMATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The purpose of the report was to set out the steps being taken in respect of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver licensing to strengthen improvements in safeguarding, in particular in relation to children. A booklet has been drafted in conjunction with the Children's Services Department, South Wales Police, Families First and the Welsh Government to inform drivers about Child Sexual Exploitation and what they can do to help keep children safe.

It is intended that the booklet will be distributed to all new driver applicants and questions relating to the content of the booklet is to be included in the written knowledge test. The booklet and online versions are to be distributed to the existing licencing trade.

Members questioned how drivers could be held accountable, and were advised that the Licensing Authority has to ensure that a person is a fit and proper person. Any specific failure to act may not come to light unless there were some form of Court proceedings.

Members believed that there should be a dedicated line/number provided in the booklet for drivers to obtain advice rather than just being told to contact either 101 or 999. Officers advised that the booklet had already been produced however, a covering letter could be sent out with the booklet.

### RESOLVED:

- (i) That a covering letter be sent with the booklet containing a council operated telephone number to enable Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers to seek advice; and

(ii) That the Committee receive an update on progress in 6 months.

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