

## BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT TO THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

15 July 2015  
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### ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OF THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE: JUNE 2015

1. Summary
  - 1.1 This report advises the Committee of action taken by the Chair under authority from the Licensing and Public Protection Committee, together with an explanation as to why this authority was used.
2. Recommendation
  - 2.1 That the report be noted.

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3. Background Information

- 3.1 On 16 March 2007 Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006 came into force. This has had the effect of enabling a licensing authority to suspend or revoke a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence with immediate effect – meaning that the suspension or revocation takes effect immediately once notice of the authority's decision has been given to the driver – where this decision is considered necessary in the interests of public safety.

4. Summary of Action Taken for June 2015

- 4.1 On 2 June 2015 the licence of driver reference 47210 was suspended under authority from the Chair of your Committee, following receipt of information from the Police that driver 47210 had been named as the offender in a stabbing incident. The suspension was to remain in force until the case was either finalised or dropped. The Notice was hand delivered to driver 47210's home address by Licensing Enforcement Officers.

5. Implications for Resources

- 5.1 No specific implications have been identified; however, drivers retain the right to appeal through a Magistrates' Court, which may result in the imposition of costs either to or against the City Council.

6. Implications for Policy Priorities

- 6.1 The contents of the report contribute to the City Council's published policy priority of improving the standards of licensed vehicles, people and premises in the City.

7. Implications for Equality and Diversity

- 7.1 The actions identified in this report were taken in accordance with the Regulatory Services enforcement policy, which ensures that equality issues have been addressed.

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**DIRECTOR OF REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT**