

Licensing Committee have recently considered and approved a review of pre-application checks for taxi licences. This includes a return to face to face knowledge tests, refresher knowledge tests on renewal, safeguarding training and medical requirements.

Taxi Sub -Committee has met twice to consider driver reviews, where one licence was revoked and another resulted in no further action.

Officers have worked with police colleagues in a prosecution arising from a defective taxi driver application. The matter went to trial at Preston Crown Court, where the defendant was convicted of a fraud offence. Sentencing will take place at a later date.

I have met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee and officers to discuss an approach to town centre issues as we look towards the development of Pioneer Place and opportunities for Charter Walk. A Purple Flag assessment has recently been carried out and we agreed to work with colleagues and partners on cross-cutting issues to support a safe and diverse town centre.