

**High Court Declaration Proceedings relating concerning the obligations of private hire vehicle operators licensed under Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**

The Council refers to public notice dated 14 April 2022 that Uber Britannia Limited (“UBL”)

UBL has commenced proceedings against the Council under Part 8 of the Civil Procedure Rules seeking the following declaration from the High Court:

*In order to operate lawfully under Part II Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, a licensed operator who accepts a booking from a passenger is required to enter as principal into a contractual obligation with the passenger to provide the journey which is the subject of the booking.*

The Court has now made an order for directions. The Court has directed that any person wishing to be joined to the claim must by apply by 4pm on 25 May 2022, serving the application notice on the parties at the same time. A copy of the Court’s order is attached to this notice.

Further details of the proceedings may be obtained by writing to UBL’s solicitors, Hogan Lovells International LLP ([Julia.marlow@hoganlovells.com](mailto:Julia.marlow@hoganlovells.com)), copying the Council ([sian.edwards@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:sian.edwards@sefton.gov.uk)). The Council is not able to provide legal advice as to whether any party should seek to be joined in the proceedings.

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