



MINUTES

Public Protection Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 23 March 2022
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Shirley Green (Chairman) Councillor Ray Thomas (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Michael Sayward, Stan Trudgill.
Officers Present:	Chris Hambly, Joanne Gallagher, Carly Smith and Sharon Wadsworth
Other Persons Present:	HD/PC Driver AA, Mr Horvath

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 8 September 2021 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver – AA

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, introduced a report in relation to a current licensed driver, CB, a combined hackney and private hire driver holder. The Committee was requested to determine whether they consider CB to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

A complaint had been received that alleged that CB had driven in an aggressive manner which had intimidated a young driver.

The committee was provided with the witness statement and the transcript of the interview with AA. The driver was invited to address members and respond to questions and following this, the meeting was adjourned to enable a full and frank discussion to be held. During the course of the discussion a proposal was put forward for a suspension which was lost. It was then RESOLVED to issue a strongly worded warning letter to AA.

5. Request for an Increase in the Level of Hackney Carriage Fares

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Mr. Hambly introduced a report with a request from independent members of the Hackney Carriage Trade seeking an increase in the level of hackney carriage fares. Separate, differing requests had been received from members of the independent hackney carriage trade for an increase in the level of fares. As such, officers facilitated meetings between independent members in order to understand the ask and to seek an agreement between them before referring the matter to the Public Protection Committee.

Mr. Horvath, and independent member of the Hackney Carriage Trade, was invited to address the committee on the rationale behind the proposed increases, in particular the reduction in time that Tariff 2 commenced from 11pm to 7pm. It was noted that the last increase in the fares was in 2018 and that any proposed changes would require the statutory period of consultation.

During the discussion on the increase the committee were supportive of the changes with the exception of the Tariff 2 start time and proposed an alternative of 9pm.

It was RESOLVED;

1. Tariff 1 - To increase the initial hiring charge by 40p from £2.70 to £3.10 and
To amend the yardages to 370 yards followed by 185 for each incremental drop (currently 380 yards and 190 yards);
2. Tariff 2 - To increase the initial hiring charge increase by 40p from £2.90 to £3.30,
No change to yardage and
Tariff 2 to commence at commence at 2100 Monday to Friday (currently commences at 2300).
3. Waiting time – Tariff 1 - 20p for each period of 40 seconds and
Tariffs 2, 3 & 4 - 20p for each period of 30 seconds.
The meter adds this automatically. (currently 20p each 54 seconds on all tariffs)

6. Caravan Site Licensing – Clifton Fields Caravan Park Touring Site Licence

Mr. Hambly presented a report that followed a previous decision made regarding the inclusion of an additional site licence condition, for the site licence holder to maintain a register of names and addresses of owners/occupiers of individual touring caravans using Clifton Fields Caravan Park Touring Site.

The agent acting on behalf of the licence holder was of the opinion that the condition was excessive. Alternative wording had been suggested by the Head of Legal and the agent was happy to accept the proposed amended condition.

Following a brief discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To amend the original additional condition to the site licence holder with the inclusion of the wording, *in italics*, to provide clarity :-

The license holder must keep the following records for each touring holiday caravan on site:

- a. The name and current home address of the owner; and
- b. *(For any touring caravan that is on any part of the site for more than 21 consecutive days or more than 21 days in any calendar month)* Documentary evidence of the current home address of the owner

and must allow the licensing authority to inspect them at any reasonable time.

The licence holder must, if requested by the licensing authority, ask the owner of any touring holiday caravan on site to give to the licence holder:

- a. The name and current home address of each adult occupier who is occupying the caravan; and
- b. Documentary evidence of the current home address of each adult occupier who is occupying the caravan and must forward them to the licensing authority when received.

7. Appointment to Working Groups

The Committee was invited to review the current appointments to the working groups within the remit of the Public Protection Committee:

It was RESOLVED that the membership of the working group would remain as follows:

Caravan Site Licensing - Councillors Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Paul Hodgson and Ray Thomas.

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