

Public Protection Committee



Date	31 st January 2006
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Committee members	Dawn Prestwich (Chairman) Christine Akeroyd, Elizabeth Clarkson, Susan Fazackerley, Karen Henshaw, Steve Mason, Janine Owen and Martin Taylor.
Other Councillors	Paul Hayhurst
Officers	Chris Hambly, Stuart Handley, Clare Holmes and Andrew Lee
Others	None

At the outset of the meeting it was RESOLVED that Councillor Steve Mason be appointed Vice Chairman for the duration.

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 20th December 2005 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitution was reported under council procedure rule 25.3:

Councillor Karen Henshaw for Councillor Ronald Wilson

4. Hurst Lea Caravan Site, Cartford Lane, Little Eccleston

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Manager) presented a report advising the members of an appeal to Blackpool Magistrates Court against the Committee's decision to impose certain conditions on the Hurst Lea caravan site Licence.

Councillor Paul Hayhurst (representing Little Eccleston with Larbreck Parish Council) attended the meeting and addressed members on the concerns raised by the Parish Council.

Following a brief debate the committee RESOLVED: To note the report and that (subject to the required consultation) the committee are minded to amend condition 23(c) to read as follows:

“The site owner must not permit delivery of post to individual caravans on the site”

5. Taxi Licensing Policy

Stuart Handley (Commercial and Licensing Manager) presented an update report on the development of a Taxi Licensing Policy.

Mr Handley provided the committee with an outline of the draft policy and proposed that the committee establish a working group to consider the policy and approve the draft for public consultation.

Following a short discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To note the report.
2. To establish a working party (Comprising of Councillors Dawn Prestwich, Albert Pounder, Elizabeth Clarkson, Christine Akeroyd and one other (To be notified)) approve the draft Taxi Licensing Policy for the purposes of public consultation.

6. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. Private Hire Driver Application - EC

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Drivers Licence from EC who had failed to disclose a conviction. The applicant attended the meeting and explained the circumstances surrounding his omission.

RESOLVED: That EC be formally warned for failing to disclose his conviction.

8. Private Hire Driver Application - GF

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence from GF who had a relevant conviction. The driver attended the meeting explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction.

RESOLVED: That the application in respect of GF be granted as the Committee was satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

9. Private Hire Drivers Licence - SL

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported the failure of SL, a licensed private hire driver, to submit an up to date medical certificate.

RESOLVED: That the licence in respect of SL be revoked as the Committee was not satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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