

Public Protection Committee



Date	28 June 2007
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Committee members	David Eaves (Chairman) Dawn Prestwich (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Keith Beckett, Elizabeth Clarkson, John Davies, Barbara Douglas, Ken Hopwood, Angela Jacques
Other Councillors	None
Officers	Chris Hambly, Clare Holmes, Lyndsey Lacey

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 9 January 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

Nil

4. Hackney carriage driver application

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of a Hackney Carriage driver application. The application was referred to the committee because of a conviction in October 2005. A copy of the report had previously been circulated to each member of the committee.

It was subsequently reported that the applicant was unable to attend the meeting and had asked the committee to consider adjourning the meeting.

The committee RESOLVED to defer consideration of this matter to the next appropriate meeting of the committee.

5. Private Hire driver application

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of a Private Hire driver application. The application was referred to the committee because of various convictions between the period 2000 and 2003. The applicant addressed the committee in support of his application and answered questions from committee members. A copy of the report had previously been circulated to each member of the committee. In addition, letters in support of the application and other appropriate information was circulated at the meeting.

The committee then discussed the application and RESOLVED to approve the application of Alan Andrew Bates as the applicant was considered to be fit and proper person to hold a private hire drivers' licence.

6. Request for dispensation from displaying private hire vehicle signage

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of a letter from Mr G.L Booth requesting dispensation from displaying the required private hire vehicle signage. A copy of the letter was circulated with the agenda. Various letters in support of the application were circulated at the meeting.

Following discussion the committee RESOLVED to agree to the dispensation from displaying private hire vehicle signage subject to a windscreen badge being displayed on the vehicle at all times.

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