

# Minutes

## Public Protection Committee



<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 25 February 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes
<b>Committee members:</b>	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Dawn Prestwich (Vice Chairman)  Councillors Susan Ashton, Christine Akeroyd, Keith Beckett ISO, Alan Clayton, Peter Collins, Susanne Cunningham, Tony Ford JP, Ken Hopwood and John Singleton.
<b>Other councillors:</b>	None
<b>Officers:</b>	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Katharine McDonnell
<b>Other attendees:</b>	J Coombes

### 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.

Councillors Akeroyd, Prestwich and Jacques declared an interest in agenda item 4 in so far as that they were members of the Council when Mr Coombes was Leader of the Council.

### 2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 12 December 2014 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 23(c):

Councillor John Singleton for Councillor Frank Andrews

Councillor Susanne Cunningham for Councillor Gail Goodman

Councillor Susan Ashton for Councillor Barbara Nash

Councillor Peter Collins for Councillor John Davies.

#### 4. Private Hire Vehicle Signage

Mr Hambly reminded the committee of their previous decision to defer the item to allow for further negotiations regarding the livery. He reported that a meeting had taken place between the applicant Mr Coombes, Councillor Jacques, Councillor Clayton and himself to discuss an acceptable solution.

Mr Hambly advised that agreement had been reached regarding the livery for the smart car, with one minor amendment and was presented to the Committee for approval. He further advised that amendment to the design before Committee related to the replicated front identity plate which should be removed and be replaced with a standard Fylde Borough Council door sign.

In relation to the airport runners, Mr Hambly reported that no agreement had been reached with the applicant and it was recommended that the Committee refused the request to use additional signage over and above the existing signage policy. He explained that it was important to maintain consistency to avoid confusion for the public.

Mr Coombes presented a short submission arguing that additional signage would assist the public to differentiate between private hire vehicles and hackney carriages.

Following a lengthy debate it was RESOLVED to

1. Approve the livery to Smart Cars as shown in Appendix 2 of the meeting papers, subject to the removal of the front identity plate replicated on the doors, and to be replaced with the standard Fylde Borough Council door signs;
2. Refuse the request for additional signage over and above the existing policy for the airport runner fleet; and
3. Review the current policy relating to signage on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles and report the outcome of the review to a future meeting of the Public Protection Committee.

#### 5. Hackney Carriage Livery

Mr Hambly presented a request from Premier Fylde for full vehicle wraps for their fleet of hackney carriages. The applicant requested the full vehicle wraps to bring unity to the fleet and make them instantly recognisable to the public.

Mr Hambly advised that the current policy did not address full vehicle wraps, but did authorise areas on vehicles for advertising to a maximum height, and had been later amended to allow for third party advertising.

Mr Hambly concluded by advising that officers were recommending approval on the basis that increased livery would help further differentiate between private hire vehicles and hackney carriages.

Following a full debate, it was RESOLVED to approve the use of full vinyl wraps on hackney carriages.

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