

Public Protection Committee



Date	24 April 2006
Venue	Lowther Pavilion, Lytham
Committee members	Dawn Prestwich (Chairman) Christine Akeroyd (Vice Chairman) Elizabeth Clarkson, Susan Fazackerley, Karen Henshaw, Alfred Jealous, John Longstaff, Janine Owen and Heather Speak.
Other Councillors	-
Officers	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Stuart Handley
Others	None

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 31 January 2006 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under council procedure rule 25.3:

Councillor John Longstaff for councillor Ronald Wilson, councillor Heather Speak for councillor Kiran Mulholland

4. Alcohol exclusion zones

Stuart Handley (Commercial & Licensing Manager) presented his report, which provided members with a detailed background on the legislation and current situation with regards to the declaration of alcohol exclusion zones.

The designation of areas for the control of alcohol formed a key area of the Council's strategy to curb anti-social behaviour and drink related disorder.

To date 8 exclusion zones had been designated covering much of Lytham; Warton; St Annes; Kirkham; Fairhaven Lake and Inner Promenade.

There had been no evidence to justify the need to declare further exclusion zones, however, the Ansdell area was currently under consideration and should there be any

evidence to declare a zone within this area the matter would be brought before the committee.

Following consideration the committee RESOLVED to note the report.

5. Street Trading

Stuart Handley (Commercial & Licensing Manager) presented the detailed report on current street trading controls and a request to amend the controls to allow street trading on Dicconson Terrace, Lytham and Wood Street, St Annes.

In addition to extending street trading within the two town centre areas, the Committee were requested to consider approving delegated authority to the relevant Unit Business Manager authorisation to impose such additional controls within the town centre areas to those identified within Appendix 2 of the report. The main sites suitable for street trading within the town centre areas were in the main those within the control of the Borough Council.

Following consideration of the report and making reference to the consultation process and involvement of the Chamber of Trade the committee RESOLVED-

1. Subject to the consultation process, approve the designation of Dicconson Terrace, Lytham and Wood Street, St Annes as consent streets for the purposes of street trading as defined under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.
2. Delegate the relevant Unit Business Manager authorisation to impose conditions, as necessary, to control street trading within the Borough, under the terms of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

6. Request for dispensation from displaying private hire vehicle signage

Following consideration the committee RESOLVED to defer this item.

7. Private hire driver application - GG

Chris Hambly (Licensing Officer) reported receipt of an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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

8. Private hire drivers licence

The committee considered a complaint which had been received relating to the actions of a Private Hire Driver currently licensed by this Authority.

The driver had been formally interviewed by Officers of the Consumer Wellbeing and Protection Unit and was in attendance at the meeting to respond to the complaint made against him.

Following full consideration the committee RESOLVED to take no action.