



# Minutes

## PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 27 November 2015
<b>Venue:</b>	Town Hall, St Annes.
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Gail Goodman JP, Neil Harvey.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	None
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Clare Lord, Chris Hambly, Sharon Wadsworth
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	DCH and Mr Cochrane

### 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.

Councillor Keith Beckett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 4, Application for Private Hire Driver Licence – DCH, the nature of the interest being that the applicant was known to him. Councillor Beckett withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting thereon.

### 2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 13 October 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members in attendance at the meeting.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Application for Private Hire Driver Licence – DCH

*(Councillor Beckett withdrew from the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting.)*

Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, presented an application that had been received from DCH for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, for the Committee to consider and determine if they considered the applicant fit and proper to hold such a licence.

The applicant had previously held a Private Hire Driver's Licence from 2008 until November 2011 when he was prosecuted for a drink driving offence. The applicant DCH and Mr Cochrane, proprietor of Kirkham Macs and DCH's prospective employer, were invited to address the committee and responded to questions from members in relation to the offence and conviction.

Members briefly adjourned to enable a full and frank discussion to be held.

The committee discussed the matter in detail and following a show of hands RESOLVED to grant the application for a private hire driver's licence.

*(At the conclusion of the above item, Councillor Beckett returned to the meeting.)*

5. Caravan Licensing – Stanley Villa Farm (Fylde Trout Fishery)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting and was therefore not discussed at the meeting.

Information Items

The committee received the following information items:

6. Henry Street Working Group

Mr Hambly provided members with an update on the progress and actions to date on the work of the Working Group. A final report would be presented at a future meeting on the findings and recommendations from the Working Group for the committee to consider.

7. The Corporate Plan 2016-2020

A draft of the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 was circulated to members for information and comment. A decision on the Corporate Plan, taking into consideration all comments received, would be taken by full Council.

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