

MINUTES

Public Protection Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 17 July 2019
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Frank Andrews (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Shirley Green, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Michael Sayward, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Joanne Gallagher, Tara Walsh
Other Attendees:	AC

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.

No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 13 March 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

Decision Items

4. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver - AC

By way of introduction, Chris Hambly, Environmental Services Manager, informed committee that AC is a licensed driver, holding a combined hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence which is due to expire on the 17th July 2019.

On the 30th January 2019, his fitness and propriety to hold such a licence was referred to the Public Protection Committee following a complaint regarding his conduct. The Committee considered the matter and resolved to issue a warning letter but also required that on licence renewal, the matter be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

Mr Hambly went on to confirm that there have not been any complaints concerning AC's conduct since January 2019 and the Committee are therefore requested to consider the renewal of this licence.

During the discussion of this item, AC was invited to address the committee.

The committee RESOLVED to renew AC's combined hackney carriage and private hire driver's license.

5. Charging Infrastructure for Electric Taxis

Mr Hambly introduce a report relating to the charging infrastructure for Electric Taxis.

In presenting his report, Mr Hambly gave members an overview of a new initiative the Technical Support Manager and Licensing Officers have been involved in with regards to a funding bid relating to a charging infrastructure for electric taxis.

Mr Hambly explained that it was likely that as the initiative progresses updates to the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy will be required. Any updates will require thorough consultation and as such, the report provided members with a detailed outline of the current situation and advise on the likely proposals to be considered.

Following a full discussion, the committee RESOLVED to:

1. Support the taxi electric charging joint project led by Lancaster City Council.
2. Recommend to the Operational Management Committee to agree that Fylde Council continue to be involved with the taxi electric charging joint project and to request the Operational Management committee to consider and recommend a fully funded addition to the Capital Programme at its next meeting for the project.

6. Appointment to Working Groups

The Committee was invited to confirm the continuation and membership of any working group(s) under its remit.

Following consideration of the matter it was RESOLVED to confirm the continued establishment of the Caravan Site Licensing Working Group comprising of the following Councillors: Brenda Blackshaw, Paul Hodgson, Karen Henshaw, Frank Andrews and Alan Clayton.

It was also suggested that the Caravan Site Licensing Working Group be invited to undertake a site tour of all the caravan sites around Fylde as part of their training. This could also be extended to all members of the Public Protection Committee.

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