

MINUTES

Public Protection Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 24 March 2021
Venue:	Remote meeting via Zoom
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Shirley Green (Chairman) Councillor Gavin Harrison (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson, Angela Jacques, Michael Sayward, Ray Thomas, Stan Trudgill.
Other Councillors Present:	None
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Joanne Gallagher, Sharon Wadsworth, Hannah Kirk
Other Attendees:	HC/PH driver RC.

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 9 September 2020 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 – RC

Chris Hambly, Environment Services Manager, introduced a report in relation to a current licensed driver, RC, a combined hackney carriage and private hire driver licence holder. A Disclosure and Barring Service certificate had revealed information relating to a caution which RC received in July 2018. Further details of the offence were provided to members.

The members heard from the RC and following a full and frank discussion it was RESOLVED to issue a warning letter to RC.

5. Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards and Review of The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

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Mr Hambly presented a report that updated members on the Department for Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards which would result in updates to the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

Mr Hambly gave a brief summary of the proposals and any required alterations to the policy. A consultation exercise would be required with the results being brought before a subsequent meeting of the committee.

It was RESOLVED:-

1. That the Committee notes the Department for Transport correspondence regarding Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards;
2. That the Committee authorises Officers to conduct a full consultation exercise and report the results of the consultation exercise to a subsequent meeting of the Public Protection Committee.

6. Caravan Site Licensing – Windy Harbour Holiday Centre - Holiday Caravan Site Licence

An application had been received from the site owner to amend the holiday caravan site licence to remove the closure period.

Windy Harbour Holiday Centre had a holiday caravan site licence for 739 caravans to be stationed on the site and occupied between 1st March to 31st October in any year.

The site had planning consent, ref 16/0708, to be used all year round. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services had been consulted on this application and had not expressed any concerns.

The Committee RESOLVED to:-

1. Replace condition 23 of the holiday site licence, which currently provides "*Caravans shall not be stationed on the site for the purposes of human habitation except during the period from 1st March to 31st October in any year*" to read "*Caravans shall be used solely for human habitation as static holiday caravans between 1st January and 31st December each year.*"
2. To notify the licence holder that the committee is minded to add the following condition to the site licence –
Static holiday caravans shall be occupied for holiday purposes only and not as a person's permanent, sole or main place of residence.
The licence holder must keep the following records for each static holiday caravan on site:
 - a. *The name and current home address of the owner; and*
 - b. *Documentary evidence of the current home address of the owner*
 - c. *and must allow the licensing authority to inspect them at any reasonable time.*

The licence holder must, if requested by the licensing authority, ask the owner of any static holiday caravan on site to give to the licence holder:

- a. *The name and current home address of each adult occupier and*
- b. *Documentary evidence of the current home address of each adult occupier and must forward them to the licensing authority when received.*

The licence holder would have the opportunity to make representations in relation to the proposed condition and in the event of the licence holder not making representations the new condition would be added as detailed above to the site licence.

7. Caravan Site Licensing – Windy Harbour Holiday Centre - Touring Caravan Site Licence

An application had been received from the site owner to amend the touring caravan site licence to remove the closure period.

Windy Harbour Holiday Centre had a touring caravan site licence for 130 caravans to be stationed on the site at any one time between 1st March and 31st October in each year.

The site had planning consent, ref 16/0708, to be used all year round. Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services had been consulted on this application and had not expressed any concerns.

The Committee RESOLVED to:-

1. Replace condition 21 of the touring site licence, which currently provides *“The site shall be used only as a touring caravan site between the period 1st March and 31st October in each year. Between the 1st November and the last day of February in each year all caravans shall be removed from the site”* to read *“The site shall be used only as a touring caravan site between the 1st January and 31st December each year.”*
2. To notify the licence holder that the committee is minded to add the following condition to the site licence –
Touring caravans shall be occupied for holiday purposes only and not as a person’s permanent, sole or main place of residence.
The licence holder must keep the following records for each touring caravan on site:
 - a. *The name and current home address of the owner; and*
 - b. *Documentary evidence of the current home address of the owner*
 - c. *and must allow the licensing authority to inspect them at any reasonable time.*

The licence holder must, if requested by the licensing authority, ask the owner of any touring caravan on site to give to the licence holder:

- a. *The name and current home address of each adult occupier and*
- b. *Documentary evidence of the current home address of each adult occupier and must forward them to the licensing authority when received.*

The licence holder would have the opportunity to make representations in relation to the proposed condition and in the event of the licence holder not making representations the new condition would be added as detailed above to the site licence.

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