



Minutes

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Date:	Tuesday, 13 October 2015
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes.
Committee Members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Barbara Nash (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Jan Barker, Keith Beckett ISO, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Sue Fazackerley, Peter Hardy, Neil Harvey, Vince Settle, Viv Willder.
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Tara Walsh.
Other Attendees:	There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

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.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 23 July 2015 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under Council procedure rule 24(c):

Councillor Sue Fazackerley for Councillor Shirley Green

Councillor Vince Settle for Councillor Frank Andrews

Councillor Viv Willder for Councillor Gail Goodman

Decision Items

4. Application for Private Hire Driver Licence – DCH

The Committee AGREED to defer this item until the next meeting.

5. Dicconson Terrace / Henry Street Hackney Carriage Stands

Chris Hambly (Environmental Services Manager) presented a report relating to new hackney carriage stands on Dicconson Terrace and Henry Street, Lytham. Members were advised that the new stands were introduced to increase the number of rank spaces available and resolve issues of congestion.

Mr Hambly provided an overview of issues associated with the new stands, including private motorists parking on the stands, and hackney carriages double parking and obstructing driveway entrances on the Terrace.

The committee were informed that the Chairman, ward councillors and officers had met with residents, business owners, police and a taxi representative to discuss matter including the possibility of relocating the stands to the east side of Dicconson Terrace. The police and Lancashire County Council Highways Department had been consulted and provisionally had no objections.

Mr Hambly informed members that whilst the relocation of the stand may address the concerns of the residents, the remaining issues may simply be transferred to the other side of the street and there would continue to be noise from engines and persons boarding the vehicles.

Members were advised that officers were currently working with Lancashire Parking Services to achieve an enhanced presence on the street. However, the stand continues to be obstructed by private motorists and incidents of verbal abuse, noise nuisance and threats have been reported.

In conclusion, Mr Hambly reiterated that some residents had asked for alternative options to be explored in terms of the location of the stand. Although there was a possibility to relocate, there were costs in terms of giving notice, removal of the lines and painting new lines.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

1. To leave the stands in their present location and seek to further discourage the public from parking on them during the evenings; and
2. To establish a working party (comprising the Chairman of committee and Councillors Barker, Blackshaw and Clayton) with a view to examining the options available to address the issues outlined in the report and reporting back to a future meeting of the committee.

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