



# MINUTES

## Public Protection Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 22 March 2023
<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber, Town Hall, St Annes Road West, St Annes, FY8 1LW
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor Shirley Green (Chairman) Councillor Ray Thomas (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw, Angela Jacques, Michael Sayward and Stan Trudgill
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	None
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Joanne Gallagher, Chris Hambly, Jacqui Harrison, Christine Wood
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver - AA One Member of the public

### 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 16 November 2022 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutes in attendance at the meeting.

### Decision Items

#### 4. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver – AA

Mr Chris Hambly, Principal Officer (Health and Safety/Licensing advised the Committee of the receipt of an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Committee was requested to consider the application and determine if Members considered the applicant fit and proper to hold such a licence.

The Committee was advised that AA had applied for a Combined Hackney and Private Hire Driver's badge in September 2020 and that his application had been refused by the Public Protection Committee in November 2020 because of a recent conviction which he had declared on his application and was confirmed on his Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate.

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The Committee was further advised that AA had submitted a new Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate which had confirmed that he had not received any further convictions since 2019. The 2019 conviction and fine had been declared by the applicant on his application form for a driver's badge.

The Committee heard representation from the applicant and following a full and frank discussion,  
**It was RESOLVED:-**

**To refuse the application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence in line with Appendix A, part 6.4 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2017-2020.**

#### 5. Caravan Site Licensing – Meadowcroft Caravan Site

The Committee was advised of the receipt of an application from the site owner at Meadowcroft Caravan Site to reduce the closure period. A copy of the existing site licence was appended to the report at Appendix 2.

It was reported to the Committee that the current condition (23) of the holiday site licence was that "Caravans shall not be stationed on the site for the purposes of human habitation except during the period from 1 March 2023 to October 31 October in any year."

It was further reported to the Committee that the site owner had requested that condition 23 be amended to "Caravans shall be used solely for human habitation as static holiday caravans between 1 March and 4 January the following year". A copy of the application to vary the licence was appended to the report at Appendix 1. A copy of a previous Planning Decision Notice reference 00/0533 was appended to the report at Appendix 3. Copies of the Location and Aerial Plan were appended to the report at Appendices 4 and 5.

The report also advised that the site owner had confirmed that he had been operating the site during the times approved on the planning permission for a number of years but had not realised that he was required to apply to vary the site licence. This had been discovered when Licensing Officers had visited the site to carry out an inspection in October 2022.

The report also detailed additional conditions to be added to the licence if the variation was approved. The additional conditions were detailed within the report. The site owner had raised no objection to the additional conditions being added to the holiday site licence.

**Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Public Protection Committee approves the request to amend condition 23 of the holiday site licence in respect of Meadowcroft Caravan Site as detailed in the report.**

#### 6. Cosmetic Piercing and Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring

Ms Anita Elliott, Council Solicitor introduced the report which was to advise the Committee of the changes in legislation relating to Cosmetic Piercing and Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and to seek Committee approval for the adoption of Model Byelaws to effectively regulate activities relating to Cosmetic Piercing, Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and Electrolysis. A copy of the Model Byelaws was appended to the report at Appendix 1.

The report recommended that the Public Protection Committee:

1. Apply Sections 14 to 17 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Local Government Act 2003 to the Council's area in respect of the regulation of Cosmetic Piercing, Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and Electrolysis, with effect from 1 May 2023; and
2. Recommend that the Council carry out the necessary procedures to make, and seek confirmation by the Secretary of State of, byelaws (which were appended to the report at Appendix 1) which would add cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring to the scope of the Council's byelaws.

Following presentation of the report, the Chairman invited comments/questions from the Committee which were responded to by Ms Elliott and Ms Jacqui Harrison, Technical Enforcement Officer.

**Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to:-**

- 1. Apply Sections 14 to 17 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by the Local Government Act 2003 to the Council's area in respect of the regulation of Cosmetic Piercing, Acupuncture, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and Electrolysis, with effect from 1 May 2023; and**
- 2. Recommend that the Council carry out the necessary procedures to make, and seek confirmation by the Secretary of State of, byelaws (which were appended to the report at Appendix 1) which would add cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring to the scope of the Council's byelaws.**

**7. Caravan Site Working Group – Closure Report**

This report advised that the current term of office for the Council would end in May 2023 with the Borough elections and the return of a new group of elected Members. Following the Boundary Review, there would be a reduction in the number of elected Members (51-37) and the Governance Review that had been undertaken in response to the reduced membership of the Council which would see the creation of an Executive Policy Committee and scrutiny arrangements.

The report also advised that at the final meeting of each Committee for the current term of office, the Working Groups and Boards that had been established and appointed by that Committee would be formally closed and disbanded where appropriate to create the opportunity for the new Council to review and determine the most appropriate arrangements under the new Governance structure.

The Chairman thanked and congratulated all Members of the Caravan Working Group stating that Working Group had achieved the intended objectives. The Chairman also thanked and commented on the work of Council Officers, visiting Caravan Parks to ensure required conditions were adhered to.

Members of the Committee thanked Councillor Shirley Green, the current Chair of the Committee and previous Chairs of the Committee for their excellent work and leadership. The Chair thanked all Members of the Committee for their hard work and for the support received as Chair.

**It was RESOLVED (as per the report recommendations) to:-**

- 1. Disband the Caravan Working Group and;**
- 2. Acknowledge that Members of the Group appointed by the Committee had fulfilled the intended objectives and aims set by the Committee.**

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