

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

16 SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: County Councillor Parry (Chairperson);
Councillor Manzoor Ahmed, Boyle, Bridges, Howells, McGarry,
Murphy, Phillips and Simmons

Apology: County Councillor Morgan

PP23 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2014 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

PP24 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED – That the Toyota Corolla Verso be approved as a Prestige Vehicle.

PP25 : HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT SECTION SERVICE PLAN 2014/15

Committee were advised that this was an annual report for approval, providing a reflection on the achievements of the Health & Safety Team over the past year and setting out their work plans for the year ahead. It was noted that the work of the team was becoming more focussed as they needed to work more efficiently under pressure of reducing resources. Officers were pleased to state that despite this, the team's performance had increased.

The achievements, events and projects of the past year were outlined to Committee.

Committee were pleased to note that all the elements of the plan had been met despite the team carrying one post of long term sickness.

Officers advised Committee of the some forthcoming work, including Gas Safety testing in catering premises and E.coli work in Early Years premises.

The Chairperson invited comments and questions on the information received. In response to questions from the Committee, Bethan Jones advised that the closure of the Public Analyst laboratory would not have an effect on the

forthcoming E.coli work as samples for this would be sent to Microbiologist Wales.

Bethan Jones advised that Gas Safety testing in catering premises would focus on establishments that use charcoal with gas and would that gas safety certificates would be checked as part of the inspection.

Members considered that the report should contain a more detailed financial implications section give the current financial climate that the Council is working under.

When asked how Officers establish their forthcoming priorities, Committee were advised that they use information fed into the National Strategic Priorities from the Health and Safety Executive. Priorities are also directed by legislative changes.

Discussing future improvements for the team, officers stated that the main focus would be on improving efficiency and administration but also looking at a piece of work on accident data.

RESOLVED – That:

- i. The draft Health and Safety Enforcement Service Plan be approved;
- ii. The Director of Environment be authorised to make administrative amendments to the 2014/15 Service Plan should the need arise.

PP26 : REGULATORY COMMERCIAL SERVICES DELEGATIONS

Committee were advised that the report sought authorisation to update delegations in order to improve resilience and organisational arrangements. This would enable officers to work with officers in other authorities as suggested by best practice. The report if approved by Committee would need further approval by Cabinet and Full Council.

RESOLVED – To

- i. delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Environment and or the Operational Manager – Regulatory Commercial Services, in consultation with the City and County Solicitor, to enter into legal agreements with other local authorities, as and when it is appropriate and in the interests of the proper and efficient discharge of the

Council's consumer protection functions, and where those functions are non-executive functions within the remit of the Public Protection Committee, to:

1. Delegate the discharge of any such consumer protection functions to another local authority, and or
2. Arrange for the City of Cardiff Council to discharge any consumer protection functions of the other authority,

Subject to the approval of full Council.

- ii. delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Environment and or Operational Manager Regulatory Commercial Services, to take any necessary action, including the institution of legal proceedings, in respect of consumer protection functions (where those functions are non-executive functions) within the remit of the Public Protection Committee being discharged by the City of Cardiff Council pursuant to agreements concluded under the powers delegated under recommendation (i) above, subject to consultation with the City and County Solicitor.

PP27 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE FEES AND CHARGES

The Committee had received various reports on this matter previously. Refunds were currently being made of overpaid hackney carriage and private hire licence fees for vehicles, drivers, and operators for the period 1st May 2009 – 31st March 2013. Refunds for the period 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014 had been delayed to await the final financial out-turn position for 2013/14. That had now been established and the Committee was given details of the refunds that should be made for that period.

Officers gave assurance that now the fee setting process was much more accurate and many previous issues had been addressed.

Mr Mathab Khan of the Cardiff Hackney Carriage Association had submitted a written representation in respect of the Report before the Committee and the Chairperson invited Mr Khan to address the Committee. After discussion on the breakdown of costs within the licensing department, officers offered a meeting with Mr Khan to provide further explanation of these figures.

RESOLVED – That

- i. Overpayments made in respect of licence fees from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 be reimbursed as shown in the table at paragraph 2.6 of the Committee Report save where those fees have already been refunded;
- ii. Compounded interest payments at a rate of 3% be made in respect of fee overpayments between 1 May 2009 and 31 March 2014.

PP28 : SKIN PIERCING REGISTRATIONS

The Committee was advised of the actions taken by the Head of Regulatory and Support Services under his delegated authority.

1. Miss Samantha Squires
Beauty at No. 6
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
2. Harriet Tutton
Claire's
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
3. Mr Keiron Cox
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
4. Miss Hayley Phillips
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
5. Miss Shannon Jones
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
6. Miss Kelly Brough
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
7. Mrs Chloe Orchard
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
8. Miss Robyn Feinmon
Superdrug Stores Plc

Personal Skin Piercing Registration

9. Miss Abi Morgan
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
10. Miss Claire Scannell
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
11. Miss Jessica Barker
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
12. Mr James Bennett
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
13. Miss Chloe Matthews
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
14. Miss Georgia Thompson
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
15. Miss Rebecca Herring
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
16. Miss Tressa Rhoden
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
17. Miss Hannah Reaney
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
18. Miss Deanna Nicholas
Superdrug Stores Plc
Personal Skin Piercing Registration
19. Lauren Hart

Blue Banana
Personal Skin Piercing Registration

20. Rachael George
Blue Banana
Personal Skin Piercing Registration

21. Amanda Evans
Claire's Accessories
Personal Skin Piercing Registration

22. Kim Partridge
Two Hearts Tattoo Studio
Personal Skin Piercing Registration

23. Beauty at No. 6
6 Duke Street Arcade
Premises Skin Piercing Registration

24. Superdrug Stores Plc
33 Grand Arcade, St David's Shopping Centre
Premises Skin Piercing Registration

PP29 : STREET AND HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

The Committee noted the actions taken by the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services in respect of the following applications:

1. The Safe Foundation
Street Collection Permit
23/08/2014
2. Oxfam
Street Collection Permit
12/08/2014
3. Ty Hafan
Street Collection Permit
14/09/2014
4. Action Aid
Street Collection Permit
12/10/2014

5. Our Local Heroes Foundation
Street Collection Permit
23/10/2014 to 24/10/2014
6. BBC Children in Need
Street Collection Permit
10/11/2014 to 13/11/2014
7. Child & Teenage Cancer & Leukaemia Foundation
Street Collection Permit
01/01/2015 to 31/12/2015

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Chairperson