

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

3 MARCH 2015

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

56 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

57 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

58 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 6 January and 3 February 2015 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

59 WAO Report - Delivering with Less

The Welsh Audit Office (WAO) had recently conducted an audit and report on the impact that cuts in resources was having on the ability of the authority's Environmental Health Service to delivery their statutory obligations. The WAO report was published in October 2014 and received significant coverage in the media. Individual authority reports were subsequently made available. The Cardiff report provided a summary of the overall national level finding and compares this with the findings for Cardiff Council.

Members were advised that the audit report concluded that Cardiff Council is delivering environmental health services at a good standard or above but due to cuts in resources and negative views on the quality and management of current services, the authority will find it difficult to take on new statutory duties in the future. The reasons supporting this conclusion and a summary of the future challenges facing the service were set out in the report.

The Chairperson welcomed Nick Selwyn, WAO Project Manager and Bethan Jones, Operational Manager, Regulatory Commercial Services to the meeting. Nick Selwyn was invited to deliver a presentation on the audit process, its findings and actions already taken to address some of the issues raised. A copy of the presentation was appended to the report.

The Chairperson invited Members of the Committee to raise questions or seek further clarification on the information received. Those discussions are summarised as follows:

- Members questioned why there appeared to be a divergence between the performance and the public perception of the service. Members were advised that best practice standards measure compliance against legislation. The public was not always aware of all the work carried out by Environmental Health but may have experienced bad service, for example in relation to waste management issues, which

fall outside the remit of the service.

- Members sought the views of officers regarding the results of the staff survey. Cardiff's responses were significantly less positive than the responses in other authorities. Committee was advised that these results were set against a climate of senior leadership change and the Regulatory Services collaboration project, which, it was considered, may have left staff feeling vulnerable. The survey was undertaken between December 2012 and March 2013. At that time the workforce package was in the process of being implemented which led to the removal of professional fees for staff and other changes to their terms and conditions.

Bethan Jones stated that she had discussed the results of the survey with all staff and had invited suggestions on how to improve things. To date, one suggestion has been received.

- Members were advised that all areas of the service were part of the Regulatory Services collaboration project, other than Cardiff Dogs Home and the Pest Control Service. Officers felt that opportunities existed to harmonise services over a large geographical area.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the findings of the Welsh Audit Office's 'Delivering for Less' report.

60 Sex Establishment Licence Renewal Application - Colin's Books

An annual review application in respect of Colin's Books, Caroline Street was received on 12 January 2015. Statutory Notice of the application was published in the South Wales Echo and a notice was displayed at the premises. During the consultation period an objection to the application was received.

The Committee considered the merits of the application and the objection received.

RESOLVED – That the Sex Establishment renewal application in respect of Colin's Books, Caroline Street be approved.

61 Roof Mounted LCD Advertising

An application for the approval to fit roof mounted dual sided LCD advertising screens to TX1, TX2 and TX4 Hackney Carriage Vehicles was received from Mr Michael Smith, Managing Director of Open Taxi Tops Ltd. The proposed system would also enable customers and the driver to have wifi internet access and a charging point for mobile telephones.

Members were advised that Mr Smith had been in the advertising industry for 10 years and has a large client base ranging from small businesses to blue chip companies. Liverpool Council granted approval for his roof mounted dual LCD screens in December 2014.

Further details of the application were set out in the report. A vehicle with the system fitted was presented for inspection prior to the commencement of the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the application made by Open Taxi Tops Ltd to allow Dual Sided LCD

advertising top boxes on TX1, TX2 and TX4 hackney carriage vehicles be approved.

62 Full Livery Advertising

An application was received from Mr Micky Harris of Ubiquitous Ltd for full livery advertising on wheelchair accessible hackney carriage vehicles. The authority currently only permits full livery advertising on London style taxis such as TX1 and FX4.

The Committee invited representations from Mr Harris. Mr Harris stated that there were few London style taxis operating in Cardiff. Many drivers were opting to drive Eurocab and E7 style vehicles, and whilst these vehicles can display 'Megaside' advertising, this was not popular with his clients. Mr Harris felt that, if approved, full livery advertising would provide drivers with welcomed additional income.

Mr Harris provided artwork and photographic examples of vehicles fitted with full livery advertising.

Members were advised that in February 2014 the Committee refused a similar application. Members were asked to consider the effect permitting full livery advertising would have on members of the public, particularly in terms of identifying such vehicles as hackney carriages. For comparison purposes, the report provided details of the full livery restrictions in place in other authorities.

The Committee discussed the merits of the application. Members were concerned that all-over livery would affect the appearance of the vehicle to such an extent as to put public safety at risk.

RESOLVED – That the application for full livery advertising on all wheelchair accessible vehicles by Ubiquitous Ltd be refused.

63 Review of General Licence Fees

The Committee received a report and Members were asked to consider setting the licence and registration fees and charges. General fees and charges were last amended in September 2013. The revision of the fees was seeking to ensure that the costs of providing the service will, so far as it is possible, be met from fees and charges income.

Following a complete reassessment of the costs of the service, including a financial assessment of the time allocations for staff, internal charges and other associated costs, the current fees and charges were reviewed. Based upon the number of licences/registrations issued during 2013/14 fees and charges were reviewed and revised fees and charges were set out in the report.

RESOLVED – That the proposed fees and charges outlined in the report be approved with an implementation date of 1 April 2015.

64 Street Trading Designations - City Centre Streets

The Committee on 4 November 2014 authorised publication of its intention to pass resolutions to change the street designations of streets in the City Centre from 'prohibited' streets to 'consent' streets for the purposes of street trading.

In accordance with the statutory procedure a Public Notice was published stating the Committee's intention in the South Wales Echo on 10 December 2014. The notice invited representations relating to the proposed resolutions. No representations were received.

RESOLVED – That:

1. With effect from 7th April 2015 all previous resolutions designating all parts of The Hayes, Trinity Street, Working Street, Hills Street, St John Street, Queen Street, Park Place, Frederick Street, Womanby Street, Lloyd George Avenue (from its junction at Hemingway Road South to Roald Dahl Plas) as prohibited streets pursuant to Part III of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 are rescinded.
2. With effect from 7th April 2015 The Hayes, Trinity Street, Working Street, Hills Street, St John Street, Queen Street, Park Place, Frederick Street, Womanby Street, Lloyd George Avenue (from its junction at Hemingway Road South to Roald Dahl Plas) be designated Consent Streets pursuant to Part III of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

65 Skin Piercing Registrations

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

1. J Rowland
The Globe Centre
Personal Registration
2. F Ahmadi
Claire's Accessories
Personal Registration
3. E Kneller
Claire's Accessories
Personal Registration
4. S Nicholls
Cyncoed Consultant
Personal Registration
5. Duchess Incorporated
West Bute Street
Premises Registration
6. Perfect Harmony
Cyncoed Road
Premises Registration

66 Animal Licence Applications

The Committee noted the actions taken by the Head of Regulatory and Supporting

Services in respect of the following applications:

Aquapets
79 Merthyr Road
Whitchurch
Cardiff
CF14 1DD
Pet Shop

Aquatic House
488 Cowbridge Road East
Canton
Cardiff
CF5 1BL
Pet Shop

Aquatic World
94c Crwys Road
Cathays
Cardiff
CF24 4NQ
Pet Shop

Boarding Centre
Parkwall Road
Nr Lisvane
Cardiff
CF14 0PJ
Animal Boarding Establishment

Cardiff Pets Warehouse
68-70 Cowbridge Road East
Canton
Cardiff
CF11 9DU
Pet Shop

Cardiff Riding School
Pontcanna Fields
Pontcanna
Cardiff
CF5 2AX
Riding Establishment

Dogz n Dubz
17 Bassetts Field
Thornhill
Cardiff
CF14 9UG
Animal Boarding Establishment

DP Aquatics

255-259 Central Market
St Mary Street
Cardiff
CF10 2AU
Pet Shop

Dragon Reptiles (Wales)
Pughs Garden Centre
Ty Nant Road
Cardiff
CF15 8LB
Pet Shop

F Janes & Son
595 Cowbridge Road East
Victoria Park
Cardiff
CF5 1BE
Pet Shop

Home from Home
15 Emerson Drive
Caerau
Cardiff
CF5 5DJ
Animal Boarding Establishment

Jackies Pet Care Services & Doggie Digs
Highfields, 91 Mayflower Avenue
Llanishen
Cardiff
CF14 5HR
Animal Boarding Establishment

JFM Exotics
173 Cowbridge Road West
Ely
Cardiff
CF5 5TB
Pet Shop

Lisvane Cattery
Castlefield
Graig Llwyn Road
Lisvane
Cardiff CF14 0RP
Animal Boarding Establishment

Maidenhead Aquatics (New Premises)
Pughs Garden Centre
Morganstown
Radyr, Cardiff

CF15 8LB
Pet Shop

Miss Julie Trott (Wagging Tails)
16 Western Drive
Gabalfa
Cardiff
CF14 2SE
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Mr Nigel Thomas
77 Pantmawr Road
Cardiff
CF14 7TB
Animal Boarding Establishment

Mrs Alyson Adams
66 Llanedeyrn Road
Cyncoed
Cardiff
CF23 9DY
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Mrs Catherine Elizabeth Rogers
26 Manor Way
Whitchurch
Cardiff
CF14 1RG
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Mrs Christine Rosaline Edwards
38 Philip Close
Rhiwbina
Cardiff
CF14 4SD
Dog Breeding Establishment

Mrs Patricia Ann Vaisto
38a Heol Hendre
Rhiwbina
Cardiff
CF14 6PL
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Ms Belinda Jane Huxtable-Goy
120 Greenfarm Road
Ely
Cardiff
CF5 4RJ
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Ms Rebecca Davies

32a St Cadoc Road
Heath
Cardiff
CF14 4NE
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

Pampurred Pets
Pughs Garden Centre
Ty Nant Nurseries
Morganstown
Cardiff CF15 8LB
Pet Shop

Pentyrch Boarding Kennels
Maesteg House
Tyn y Coed Road
Pentyrch, Cardiff
CF15 9NP
Animal Boarding Establishment

Pet Supermarket
219-229 Central Market
St Mary Street
Cardiff
CF10 2AU
Pet Shop

Pet World
250-256 Cardiff Central Market
St Mary Street
Cardiff
CF10 1AU
Pet Shop

Pets at Home
Unit C, Cardiff Bay Retail Park
Ferry Road
Cardiff
CF11 7JR
Pet Shop

Pets at Home (Newport Road)
Unit B, 481 Newport Road
Cardiff
CF23 9AA
Pet Shop

Pets at Home Ltd (Ty Glas)
Ty Glas Retail Park
Ty Glas Road
Llanishen
Cardiff, CF14 5ZB

Pet Shop

Pinecroft Cattery
Mountain Road
Pentyrch
Cardiff
CF15 9QP
Animal Boarding Establishment

Reptile Cymru
391 Cowbridge Road East
Canton
Cardiff
CF5 1JG
Pet Shop

Shampooch Groomers
14 Penydarren Drive
Whitchurch
Cardiff
CF14 2TT
Animal Boarding Establishment

Slanwood Kennels
Croft y Genau Road
St Fagans
Cardiff
CF5 6DR
Animal Boarding Establishment

St Fagans Cattery
Court Hill
St Fagans
Cardiff
CF5 6DW
Animal Boarding Establishment

Thonock
Rhiwbina Hill
Cardiff
CF14 6UF
Premises Post
Animal Home Boarding Establishment

67 Street and House to House Collection Permit Applications

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

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Street Collection Permit
31/10/2015
07/11/2015

Great Ormond Street Hospital
Street Collection Permit
04/07/2015
04/07/2015

Winstons Wish
Street Collection Permit
17/10/2015
17/10/2015

MS Society (Cymru)
Street Collection Permit
01/08/2015
01/08/2015

Have a Heart
Street Collection Permit
18/04/2015
18/04/2015

Royal Naval Association
Street Collection Permit
23/05/2015
23/05/2015

League of Friends (Whitchurch Hospital)
Street Collection Permit
06/06/2015
06/06/2015

Children with Cancer UK
Street Collection Permit
10/10/2015
10/10/2015

Royal Air Forces Association
Street Collection Permit
19/09/2015
19/09/2015

The Phoenix Childrens Foundation
Street Collection Permit
30/05/2015
30/05/2015

Kids
Street Collection Permit
21/11/2015

21/11/2015

Meningitis Research Foundation
Street Collection Permit

21/03/2015

21/03/2015

Breast Cancer Campaign
Street Collection Permit

09/05/2015

09/05/2015

Llantwit Major School
Street Collection Permit

30/05/2015

30/05/2015

South Wales Intercultural Community Arts (SWICA)
Street Collection Permit

08/08/2015

08/08/2015

Communities First
Street Collection Permit

20/09/2015

20/09/2015

St Johns Ambulance Brigade
Street Collection Permit

01/10/2015

01/10/2015

St Johns Ambulance Brigade
Street Collection Permit

29/08/2015

29/08/2015

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Street Collection Permit

18/01/2015

18/01/2015

Velindre Hospital
Street Collection Permit

15/02/2015

15/02/2015

SHINE
Street Collection Permit

07/03/2015

07/03/2015

Human Appeal International
Street Collection Permit
05/07/2015
12/07/2015

NSPCC (Cymru)
Street Collection Permit
04/04/2015
04/04/2015

RSPB
Street Collection Permit
01/03/2015
31/08/2015

Caerphilly Junior Rugby Club
Street Collection Permit
05/09/2015
05/09/2015

Velindre Hospital
Street Collection Permit
02/05/2015
02/05/2015

The Phoenix Childrens Foundation
Street Collection Permit
18/09/2015
18/09/2015

Tact Cymru Fostering
Street Collection Permit
21/05/2015
21/05/2015

Ty Hafan
Street Collection Permit
24/05/2015
24/05/2015

Llantwit Major School
Street Collection Permit
13/06/2015
13/06/2015

RSPB
Street Collection Permit
10/02/2015
10/02/2015

RSPB
Street Collection Permit

06/03/2015

06/03/2015

RSPB

Street Collection Permit

10/03/2015

10/03/2015

Cancer Research & Genetics UK

House to House Collection Permit

16/02/2015

16/12/2015

Royal Naval Association

Street Collection Permit

26/09/2015

26/09/2015

Hope Rescue

Street Collection Permit

12/09/2015

12/09/2015

British Red Cross

Street Collection Permit

08/05/2015

09/05/2015

Comic Relief

Street Collection Permit

13/03/2015

13/03/2015

Human Relief Foundation

Street Collection Permit

04/07/2015

04/07/2015

Dig Deep (Africa)

House to House Collection Permit

01/03/2015

31/03/2015

Greyhound Rescue Wales

Street Collection Permit

03/10/2015

03/10/2015

Greyhound Rescue Wales

Street Collection Permit

14/11/2015

14/11/2015

Greyhound Rescue Wales
Street Collection Permit
12/04/2015
12/04/2015

Hope Rescue
Street Collection Permit
22/03/2015
22/03/2015

Breast Cancer Campaign
House to House Collection Permit
01/05/2015
10/03/2016

Cancer Research UK
Street Collection Permit
03/04/2015
03/04/2015

The meeting terminated at Time Not Specified