

## 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

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