

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

19 OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor J. Holden (in the Chair).

Councillors Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, D. Bunting, M. Freeman, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, D. Jarman and E.W. Stennett

In attendance

J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
G. Levy	- Regulatory Services Mgr (Trading Standards & Licensing)
D. Smith	- Senior Licensing Officer
S. Lenahan	- Solicitor
N. Owen	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also Present

Councillor B. Brotherton (Substitute for Councillor A. Duffield)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Cornes and A. Duffield

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 21st September 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET COLLECTION PERMIT

(Note: Councillor Bunting declared a personal interest as he was a volunteer fire marshall at the bonfire.)

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for a street collection permit from Urmston Lions Community Bonfire Committee which fell outside the agreed Street Collection Policy.

The Licensing Team Leader informed the Sub-Committee that a request had been received to issue a permit for a charitable street collection on Saturday 4th November at the bonfire at Abbotsfield Park, Flixton.

The Sub-Committee was informed that a street collection permit had already been granted for the Urmston area on 4th November for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and a historic dispensation has been given to the Poppy Appeal to collect for two weeks throughout the borough.

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The Street Collection Policy clearly states only one permit per area of the borough per calendar year per charitable organisation unless by dispensation of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: That a Street Collection permit be granted for Urmston Lions Community Bonfire Committee for Saturday 4th November for Chassen Road between the hours of 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

20. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda because of the likelihood of disclosure of “exempt information” which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as specified.

21. HACKNEY DRIVER - CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS, FOLLOWING INVOLVEMENT IN FATAL ACCIDENT

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider the fitness of a Hackney Carriage driver following his involvement in a fatal accident.

The driver attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The driver provided the Sub-Committee with an outline of what he said were the circumstances of the offence and also answered questions from Sub-Committee members.

The Sub-Committee were informed that he had already provided his driver’s badges to the Licensing team.

The Sub-Committee considered that he had pleaded guilty to a serious offence of causing death by careless driving which occurred in January 2017, whilst he was driving his taxi. This brought the Sub-Committee to the conclusion that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver’s Licence

RESOLVED: That Mr H. S’ Hackney Carriage driver’s licence be revoked.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.15 pm