PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14th July, 2016

Present:- Councillor Sandra Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Allport, Burch, Hailstones, Hailstones, Hambleton, Matthews, Robinson, J Tagg, Walklate and Welsh

Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor(s) Bloor and Olszewski

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June, 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

2. DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

Resolved:- That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration if the following matter because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, and 7 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Councillor Kyle Robinson in the Chair

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding a new driver application for Mr SIM.

Mr SIM was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

Resolved: That, due to the nature of the offence, Mr SIM's application for a licence be refused.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

A request had been made, prior to commencement of the meeting, for this application to be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved: That the application be deferred.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

A report was submitted to advise the Committee of action taken in respect of Private Hire Driver, Mr ST.

Mr ST was not in attendance at the meeting. However the Committee agreed to consider the item in his absence.

Resolved: That legal proceedings be instituted in relation to the offences committed by Mr ST.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for a dual licence for Mr TAK.

Mr TAK was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

Resolved: That, due to the nature of the offence, Mr TAK's application for a dual licence be refused.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding applications for new driver's licenses for Mr MAJ and Mr MOJ.

Mr MAJ and Mr MOJ were given the opportunity to address the Committee.

- **Resolved:** (i) That, due to the nature of the offence, Mr MAJ's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licences be suspended for the period of one month.
 - (ii) That a Private Hire Driver's Licence be issued to Mr MOJ.
 - (iii) That a Vehicle Licence be issued for the vehicle registered to the drivers.
 - (iv) That no action be taken in respect of the matter outlined under 'Reasons' within the report but it was stressed to the drivers that it is their responsibility to check that any required information is correct.

Councillor Sandra Hambleton in the Chair

8. URGENT REQUEST

Consideration was given to a report in respect of an urgent request which had been made.

Resolved: That the recommendation as written in the report be agreed.

9. NEWCASTLE FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2016-17

Consideration was given to a report advising Members of the work planned by the Food and Safety Team for 2016/17 and a review of the previous year's performance.

A copy of the Food Safety Service Plan was appended to the report.

Resolved: That the Food Safety Service Plan for 2016/17 be received and endorsed.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Members were advised that this Report would be brought to the 2 August, 2016 meeting.

Resolved: That the information be received.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

Public Protection Committee

The Chair advised Members that consideration was being given to streamlining the Committee – possibly by operating in a similar was to the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committees. The Chair requested that a report be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved: That the Head of Environmental Health Services submit a report for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

Councillor Kyle Robinson

Members thanked Councillor Kyle Robinson for the time that he had served as Chair on this Committee and wished him well in his new role as a Cabinet Member.

Resolved: That the comment be noted.

COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAMBLETON Chair

COUNCILLOR KYLE ROBINSON Chair