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Regulatory Committee

Wednesday, 13 March 2019 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

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Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Pamela Wallace (Chair)
Councillor John Abbott (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mike Fry
Councillor Pauline Hignett
Councillor Kath Loftus
Councillor Tony McDermott
Councillor Angela McInerney
Councillor Stef Nelson
Councillor Gareth Stockton
Councillor Kevan Wainwright
Councillor Andrea Wall

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The next meeting of the Committee is on a date to be agreed.*

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Part I

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2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
<p>Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Disclosable Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached or as soon as the interest becomes apparent and, with Disclosable Pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting during any discussion or voting on the item.</p>	
3. SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985	
PART II	
<p>In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.</p>	
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REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 in the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Wallace (Chair), Abbott (Vice-Chair), Fry, P. Hignett, K. Loftus, McDermott, A. McInerney, Nelson, G. Stockton, Wainwright and Wall

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary, J. Tully and N. Wheeler

Also in attendance: Three members of the public and one member of the press.

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
UNDER DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE**

REG18 CREAMFIELDS EVENT 2018

Action

The Committee considered an information report from two of the responsible authorities on issues arising from the carrying out of the Creamfields Event in August 2018. The reports were from Cheshire Constabulary and the Council's Environmental Health section.

Members were advised that the purpose of the report was to present the facts from the viewpoint of these responsible authorities who have now dealt with a number of events.

It was previously agreed by the Chairman of the Committee that neither the Police nor Environmental Health would need to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

Although not having an interest in the following item, in order to avoid any allegation of bias, Cllr S Nelson took no part in the debate or the decision and left the Chamber.

REG19 TAXI LICENSING MATTER

Michael Pile who is the holder of the Private Hire Operator Licence for Airport Transfer Widnes attended the Committee to request that one of the pre-conditions for a Single Status Drivers Licence namely the requirement for the 'Local Area' section of the Taxi Knowledge Test (Section 1) would not apply to their drivers.

Mr Pile advised the Committee that the type of business they were undertaking was airport transfers type of work only and that the drivers of his vehicles would never be just a 'taxi driver'.

All work would be booked well in advance rather than the immediate response work associated with ordinary private hire work.

It was considered that Section 1 of the Taxi Knowledge Test (Local Area) was necessary for all standard taxi work.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request be granted in that drivers employed by Airport Transfers Widnes would not be required to undertake Part 1 of the Taxi Knowledge Test (Local area); and
- (2) in future any similar applications be approved in principle and be determined by the Licensing Manager.

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REG20 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- (1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and

(2) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG21 TAXI LICENSING MATTER

Case: No 720

RESOLVED: That the Single Status Drivers Licence be granted subject to the application process being completed.

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Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

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