

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 29 October 2019 in the Boardroom - Municipal Building, Widnes

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

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Tony McDermott

Officers present: K. Cleary, J. Tully, Wheeler and L. Wilson-Lagan

Also in attendance: One member of the public

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

| | | <i>Action</i> |
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| REG1 | MINUTES | |
| | The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March 2019 having been circulated were signed as a correct record. | |
| REG2 | 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 item 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.

REG3 TAXI MATTER

Case No: 723

RESOLVED: That the Committee had found strong grounds for refusing the application but had decided not to refuse the application. Instead, the Committee resolved as follows:

1. Subject to satisfactorily completing the outstanding matters relating to the renewal application (which had been detailed during the hearing) the renewal application be granted but limited to a period of one year;
2. The applicant's Single Status Driver's licence be suspended for a period of one month;
3. The applicant be required to undertake and complete an advanced driving course or driving awareness course.

The details of the above decision were delegated to the Licensing Manager to determine.

The Committee strongly advised the applicant, in his own interests, to seek help for overcoming the effects of his recent bereavements.

The Committee also directed that when the notice of determination had been prepared that it be explained to the applicant in person to ensure that he fully understood what had been decided.

Meeting ended at 6.20 p.m.