

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Monday, 5 June 2006 at the Town Hall, Runcorn.

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Pearsall (Vice-Chairman), Cole, Gilligan, D Inch, Lowe, Nelson and Wainwright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Cross, Drakeley and E Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary and J. Tully and C. Halpin

Also in attendance: Councillor P. Wallace

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Note: The jurisdiction of the Regulatory Committee when acting as Licensing Committee under the Licensing Act 2003.

	<i>Action</i>
REG3 MINUTES	
<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2006 having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</p>	
REG4 LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPORT	
<p>The Committee considered the report of the House of Commons ODPM: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee "Re-Licensing" published on 17th March (HC 606). Since the preparation of the agenda the Government had issued a response (Cm 6788). This was also considered by the Committee.</p>	
<p>The Committee considered its own experience of the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 and various matters arising therefrom.</p>	
<p>RESOLVED: That</p>	
(1)	the House of Commons report and the Government's response be noted;
(2)	the Department for Communities and Local Government be informed of the following views of the

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Committee relating to the Licensing Act 2003:

- all applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates ought to be submitted to the licensing committee;
 - the licensing authority ought to be able to raised representations itself; and
 - statutory time-tables relating to hearings ought to be abolished;
- (3) the amendments to the Council's Scheme of Delegation set out in the Council's Constitution be adopted by the Committee; and
- (4) the practice of the Committee of regular theme based training for Members be continued.

NONE LICENSING ACT 2003 - MATTER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE

REG5 TAXI MATTERS

The Committee briefly considered the issues in relation to an application made by Mr. Woodward which requested that the 8 year age limit on non-carriage office vehicles be extended to 15 years for a Volkswagen Euro Cab he had recently purchased. However, as the applicant was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that the application be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 14th September 2006.

RESOLVED: That the application be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 14th September 2006.

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Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.