

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 2 April 2008 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Bryant, Cross, Howard, A. Lowe, D Inch, Nelson and E. Ratcliffe

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Drakeley and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Ferguson, L. Capper, K. Cleary and J. Findlow

Also in attendance: 2 members of the public

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG25 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2008 having been printed and circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to Councillor D Inch's apologies being recorded as apologies on Council business.

REG26 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 committee 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 7 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 circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest 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 Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A the Local government Act 1972 because it is likely that in view of the nature of the business exempt information will be disclosed being information defined in Section 100(1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG27 TAXI MATTERS

The Committee were asked to determine one referral case, details of which had been circulated to Members of the Committee only.

The applicant and his legal representative attended and addressed the Committee in support of their application.

RESOLVED: That in respect of

Case No. 672

(1) Single Status Drivers Licence be suspended for one month with effect from midnight Wednesday 2 April 2008;

(2) Following the suspension, the Single Status Drivers Licence be issued and expire one year from the initial renewal date(4th November 2007); and

(3) Subject to satisfactory completion of the remainder of the 12 month licence an application may be made to renew Single Status Driver licence. Such licence if granted to commence on 5 November 2008.

Meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.