

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Tuesday, 23 September 2008 in the Civic Suite, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Wharton

Absence declared on Council business: None

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

Also in attendance: 5 applicants/members of the public

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG8 TAXI LICENSING MATTER - HACKNEY CARRIAGE
VEHICLE LICENCE NO. 314

The Committee met to consider an application from Mr John Minogue to reissue Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence 314.

Members took into account the information provided to them by the Licensing Section and the representations made by Mr and Mrs Minogue.

RESOLVED: That vehicle licence No 314 be reissued to Mr Minogue.

(NB Councillor Bryant declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item of business due to the relationship with one of the parties involved in the matter, and took no part in the application or the decision.)

REG9 TAXI LICENSING MATTER - HACKNEY CARRIAGE
VEHICLE LICENCE NO. 102

The Committee met to consider an application from Mr Lee Nolan to reissue Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence No 102.

Members took into account the information provided to them from the Licensing Section and Mr Nolan's explanation as to why the vehicle renewal application was not submitted to the Council before the expiry date of the licence.

RESOLVED: That the application be rejected.

REG10 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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting 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 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.

REG11 TAXI MATTERS

The Committee met to consider if a Single Status Driver was a fit and proper person to hold a SSD Licence following notification of a conviction.

Members took into account the information provided

by the Licensing Section and the driver's explanation regarding the offence.

RESOLVED: That the Single Status Drivers Licence Number 881 be suspended for one month and the applicant be further advised that if they were to be brought back before the Regulatory Committee for any reason the Members would not be as lenient in the future.

Meeting ended at 9.07 p.m.