

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Monday, 14 January 2013 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors K. Loftus (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Fry, P. Hignett, Howard, Lea, A. Lowe, McDermott and G. Stockton

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Nelson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Ferguson, K. Cleary, J. Tully, J. Findlow, P. Kenny, S. Rimmer and Y. Sung

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG7 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th September and 18th October 2012 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

REG8 CREAMFIELDS EVENT 2012

The Committee considered a report from the responsible authorities on issues arising from carrying out the Creamfields Event 2012.

Members were advised that the purpose of the report was to present the facts from the viewpoint of the responsible authorities who had now dealt with the seven events.

It was noted that reports on the event had been received from Cheshire Police and Halton Borough Council Environmental Health – Noise Control and Health and Safety Department.

Inspector Ross of Cheshire Police attended the meeting and summarised the views of Cheshire

Constabulary in providing the planning and operation of the Creamfields 2012 Music Festival.

Ms Yeemay Sung of Halton Borough Council's Environmental Health Department gave an update on the Environmental Health aspects of the festival including noise, health and safety, food safety and standards. Stephen Rimmer answered questions on highway related issues.

RESOLVED: That the reports from the responsible authorities be noted.

REG9 LICENSING IN TABLES

The Committee received a report which updated Members on the changes made to the Legal Services Licensing in Tables currently on the Council's internet.

It was noted that at the Committee meeting on 18th September 2006 Members were advised of a document relating to the various licences dealt with by Legal Services and resolved that the information as outlined be published on the Council's website.

It was further noted that this document was updated and presented to Members each year and had now been further updated again to reflect more recent changes.

The amended version of the Legal Services Licensing in Tables was presented to Members for consideration and would be published on the Council's web site.

Members were advised that a training session on scrap metal legislation and motor salvage would be provided in the near future.

RESOLVED: That

1. the amended information contained in the Legal Services Licensing in Tables be noted; and
2. although the Committee will continue to receive training on relevant areas, Members were invited to identify areas of interest to be included in future training.

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REG10 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board 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 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, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG11 TAXI LICENSING MATTER

Case No. 687

The application for renewal of a Single Status Drivers licence be refused.

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Meeting ended at 8.14 p.m.