

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 18 January 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors K. Loftus (Chair), Wallace (Vice-Chair), Fry, P. Hignett, McDermott, A. McInerney and Parker

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Nelson, G. Stockton, Wainwright and Wall

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary, J. Tully, I. Mason and S. Rimmer

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2016 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

REG20 LEGAL SERVICES LICENSING FUNCTIONS

The Committee received a report which updated Members on the changes made to the Legal Services Licensing Functions.

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

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

The amended version of Legal Services Licencing Functions was presented to Members for consideration and would be published on the Council's website.

Members were invited to identify areas of interest from the report to be included in future training and expressed a view that training on the licensing implications of the Immigration Act 2016 would be found useful when the full implications of the Act were known.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REG21 CREAMFIELDS EVENT 2016

The Committee considered a report from the responsible authorities on issues arising from the carry out of the Creamfields Event in August 2016. Members were advised that the purpose of the report was to present the facts from the viewpoint of the responsible authorities who have now dealt with several events.

It was noted that a report on the event had been received from Cheshire Police. Halton Borough Council Environmental Health – Noise, produced a report after the Committee agenda was published and this report was circulated to Members at the hearing and would form part of the minutes.

As Inspector Stewart Sheer, the author of the report, left Cheshire Constabulary in December 2016 there was no representative from Cheshire Constabulary at the meeting.

Isobel Mason Environmental Health Officer (Halton Borough Council) attended the meeting and summarised the views of Environmental Health – Noise, in relation to the 2016 event.

Stephen Rimmer, Divisional manager Traffic (Halton Borough Council) was present to deal with matters relating to traffic.

Members asked questions of the parties who attended the meeting.

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

REG22 RE-ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION AND CHANGES TO TAXI LICENSING CONDITIONS

The Committee received a report which updated Members regarding the adoption / re-adoption of legislation and the adoption of taxi licensing conditions.

It was noted at its meeting on 18 January 2016 the Committee began the process of adopting / re-adopting Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Act. This process has now been completed.

It was further noted at its meeting on 18 January 2016 the Committee began the process of adopting/re-adopting the provisions relating to the designation of streets in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. This process has now been completed.

In addition at its meeting held on 5 October 2016 the Committee resolved to recommend that the Executive Board adopt amendments and additions to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle conditions. This process has now been completed

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

Meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.