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# **Regulatory Committee**

Wednesday, 29 November 2017 6.30 p.m. Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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# **Chief Executive**

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Kath Loftus (Chair)

Councillor Pamela Wallace (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Mike Fry

**Councillor Pauline Hignett** 

Councillor Tony McDermott

Councillor Angela McInerney

**Councillor Stef Nelson** 

Councillor Stan Parker

Councillor Gareth Stockton

Councillor Kevan Wainwright

Councillor Andrea Wall

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#### ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

#### Part I

#### Item No.

1. MINUTES

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Disclosable Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached or as soon as the interest becomes apparent and, with Disclosable Pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting during any discussion or voting on the item.

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

#### PART II

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. TAXI LICENSING MATTER3 - 65. TAXI LICENSING MATTER7 - 15

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

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# Agenda Item 1

# **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fry and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary, S. Thornett and J. Tully

Also in attendance: 8 Members of the public

#### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

REG8 MINUTES

Action

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

REG9 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- Whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee 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 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
- 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 outweighed 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 paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### REG10 to TAXI MATTER REG14

was:

In respect of Case No: 700, 701, 702, 703 and 704 it

**RESOLVED:** That

- 1. following information received prior to the hearing from Cheshire Constabulary the Committee resolved to defer consideration of these applications to a date not earlier than the January 2018 Committee meeting; and
- 2. any other applications in connection with the above matters be frozen until the outcome of the hearings relating to the above cases are determined.

# REG11 TAXI MATTER

Case No: 705

The Committee considered the evidence and:

RESOLVED: That no action be taken on this occasion.

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.

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