

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 5 October 2016 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Fry

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary, J. Tully and N. Wheeler

Also in attendance: 2 Members of the public

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2016 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

REG13 EXECUTIVE TRAVEL

The Committee considered a request from Executive Travel NW Limited to be exempted for all of their licensed vehicles from having to display the Council issued door signs. The reasons justifying the application were set out in the agenda report and Mr J Coogan attended on behalf of the company to amplify those reasons and answer questions from the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved.

Cllr Wallace did not take part in the debate or vote on the above item to avoid any allegation of bias.

REG14 TAXI LICENSING CONDITIONS

The Committee considered a report on miscellaneous policy changes which had gone through a consultation process via the Taxi Consultative Group. These involved changes in existing policy to both hackney carriage and private hire conditions. The proposed and potential policy

changes were listed at Appendix B of the report and in the body of the report. The policy change was approved by the Committee and recommended for adoption by the Executive Board.

RESOLVED: That

1. The Committee endorses all of the proposals set out in:
 - I. Appendix B of the report (as amended at the meeting).
 - II. The definition changes set out at paragraph 4.5 of the report (as amended at the meeting).
 - III. The following changes to vehicle age conditions – for standard vehicles add two years to maximum age (and for the avoidance of doubt with the deletion of MPV style vehicles as a separate category they will be treated as fully wheelchair accessible vehicles for the purposes of age limits).
2. The Executive Board be recommended to adopt the above proposals and that the adoption take effect on 24th October 2016;
3. Having been advised of the decision of the Council on 14th September 2016 to adopt and readopt Part II Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (which will come into effect on 24th October 2016), the Committee requests the Executive Board to adopt and readopt all existing policies of the Council relating to public and private hire (as amended by the changes set out in the report) to take effect on 24th October 2016; and
4. Pending the decision of the Executive Board the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to take decisions in respect of individual applications as if the policy changes recommended by the Committee were already in force.

Meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.