

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 6 July 2016 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A. McInerney, Parker and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

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

Also in attendance: 4 Members of the public

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

REG7 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Action

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 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
- (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 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG8 TAXI LICENSING MATTER

Case no. 394

The holder of a Single Status Driver's licence (SSD) had been found guilty of two offences within the area of Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council. After considering the facts the Committee

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Members were of the opinion that the offences were serious and could not be taken lightly. Consequently, the SSD licence shall be issued for a 12 month period only; and
- (2) It was appropriate to issue a suspension in respect of that licence (from the date of its grant) for a period of 3 months. This suspension is not to be enacted provided there is no further question as to the conduct of the licence holder during the period of the licence. Should any action (or perceived action) bring into question the licence holder's fitness or propriety then the licence holder will return to the Committee with the prospect of the suspension being enacted or having the licence revoked or (as the case may be) refused. In particular, the above convictions may be taken into account by the Committee in the future.

REG9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS' LICENCE

(Note Cllr Nelson left the meeting on 6 July 2016)

early and did not take part in the decision of the Committee on either 6 July 2016 or 18 July 2016).

Case No: 395

RESOLVED: That the hearing was adjourned on this matter for further information to be provided to the Committee.

Meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.