

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Monday, 18 November 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Runcorn

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fraser and Howard

Absence declared on Council business: None

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

Also in attendance: Inspector Stewart Sheer, one member of the public and one member of the press.

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

REG6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2013 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

REG7 CREAMFIELDS EVENT 2013

The Committee considered a report from the responsible authorities on issues arising from carrying out the Creamfields Event 2013.

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 eight 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 Sheer of Cheshire Police attended the meeting and summarised the views of Cheshire Constabulary in providing the planning and operation of the Creamfields 2013 Music Festival.

Action

Isobel Mason of Halton Borough Council's Environmental Health Department gave an update on the Environmental Health aspects of the festival including noise. It was noted that seven complaints were received by the Council following the event. The warmer weather and a change in wind direction resulted in areas in Halton being exposed to noise that had not been in previous years. It was noted that a noise monitoring report from the noise control consultants Vanguardia had been submitted to the Council. Approximately 45 complaints were received on the residents hotline during the event, the majority of these on Sunday night and in general from the Halton area. The report demonstrates that noise levels off site complied with the licence conditions and noise levels were no worse than in previous years.

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

REG8 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.

REG9 TAXI LICENSING MATTER

Case No. 688

The application for the grant of a Single Status Drivers licence be refused since the Committee were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Single Status Drivers Licence.

Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.