

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Monday, 16 January 2012 in the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), K. Loftus (Vice-Chairman), Browne, Fraser, Fry, Howard, A. Lowe, McDermott and M. Ratcliffe

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Wainwright and Wallace

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Ferguson, L. Davies, K. Cleary, J. Tully, J. Findlow, Y. Sung and S. Rimmer

Also in attendance: P Ramsden - Warrington Borough Council and the following representatives of Cheshire Police: Sgt Robbins, Chief Inspector Raistrick, PC Mace and I. Seville.

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG31 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2011 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

REG32 CREAMFIELDS EVENT 2011

The Committee considered a report from the responsible authorities on issues arising from carrying out the Creamfields Event 2011.

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 the six events.

It was noted that reports on the event had been received from Cheshire Police, Halton Borough Council Environmental Health – Noise Control and Health and Safety Department and Warrington Borough Council Environmental Health Department.

PC Mace, Sgt Robbins, Chief Inspector Raistrick and Ian Seville of Cheshire Police attended the meeting and summarised the views of Cheshire Constabulary in providing the planning and operation of the Creamfields 2011 event.

Ms Yeemay Sung of Halton Borough Council's Environmental Health Department and Mr P Ramsden of Warrington Borough Council's Environment and Public Protection Services attended and gave an update on the Environmental Health aspects of the event including noise, health and safety, food safety and standards

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

REG33 LEGAL SERVICES LICENSING FUNCTIONS

The Committee received a report which updated Members on the changes made to the Legal Services Licensing Functions currently on the Council's internet.

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That

1. the amended information contained in the Legal Services Licensing Functions be noted; and
2. although the Committee will continue to receive training on relevant areas, Members were invited to identify areas of interest to be included in future training.

REG34 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 item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information will be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG35 TAXI CASE

Case No. 686

The Single Status Drivers licence be revoked.

Chief Executive

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.