

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a special meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Friday, 14 March 2008 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Wallace (Vice-Chairman), Howard, A. Lowe, Nelson and Wainwright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bryant, Cross, Drakeley, D Inch and E. Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: L. Capper and K. Cleary

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

REG22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 – URGENT BUSINESS

Action

The Committee was advised that a matter had arisen which required immediate attention by the Committee because a decision was required before the date of the next meeting (Minute REG24 refers), therefore pursuant to Section 100 B (4) and 100 E Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman ruled that the items be considered as a matter of urgency.

REG23 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The committee considered

- (1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the committee 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 7 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 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 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 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG24 APPLICATION FOR A TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE AT THE NEW YORK CAFÉ BAR 2-4 HIGH STREET RUNCORN

The Committee were asked to determine one referral case details of which had been circulated to members of the Committee only.

The applicant and their Legal Representative attended and addressed the Committee in support of the application.

An objection to the application was received from the Police who attended and addressed the Committee.

RESOLVED: To refuse the application on the grounds of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder Objective.

Meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.