

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Thursday, 1 October 2009 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Philbin (Chairman), Bryant, Howard, D. Inch, A. Lowe, Wainwright and Nelson

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Drakeley, Murray and E. Ratcliffe

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor P Wallace

Officers present: K. Cleary, J. Findlow and J. Tully

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

REG5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 23rd March, 14th April and 8th June 2009 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

REG6 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 1 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG7 TAXI REPORT CASE 677

The Committee met to consider if a Single Status Driver (SSD) was a fit and proper person to hold a SSD Licence following a written complaint received from a member of the public.

Members took into account the information provided by the Licensing Section and the driver and his representative's explanation regarding the event.

RESOLVED: That the driver's SSD Licence be suspended for 7 days and a further 3 week suspension be imposed but suspended for 18 months. The latter period of three weeks would be served if the driver was brought back before the Regulatory Committee in relation to any disciplinary matter in the next 18 months. The Committee also recommended that the driver undertake Disability Discrimination Act training.

REG8 TAXI REPORT CASE 678

The Committee met to consider if a Single Status Driver was a fit and proper person to hold a SSD Licence.

Members took into account the information provided by the Licensing Section and the driver and his representative's explanation regarding the events.

RESOLVED: That the driver receive a written reprimand and be advised that if he were to be brought back before the Regulatory Committee in respect of any disciplinary matter during the next 12 months the events considered by the Committee on this occasion would be taken into consideration.

REG9 TAXI REPORT CASE 679

The Committee met to consider if a Single Status Driver was a fit and proper person to hold a SSD Licence.

Members took into account the information provided by the Licensing Section and also the explanation put forward by the driver and his representative.

RESOLVED: That the driver be suspended for 7 days and a further 4 weeks suspension be imposed but suspended for 18 months. The latter period of 4 weeks would be served if the driver was brought back before the Regulatory Committee in relation to any disciplinary matter in the next 18 months.

Meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.