

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 5TH JUNE, 2006 at 2.30 P.M.

Present:-

Councillor Mrs. Higgins in the Chair

Councillors Bohill, P. Gibson, Gofton, Grey, J. Heron, Peter Maddison, T. Martin, J.B. Scott, Trueman, J. Walton, Whalen and Wilson

Declarations of Interest

Item 12 – Section 61 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Consideration of an Application for the Grant of Licences to Drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Mr. A.T.

Councillor Higgins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item as the applicant was known to her and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richardson.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd April, 2006 - Part I

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 3rd April, 2006 - Part I (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Applications for the Grant of Hackney Carriage Vehicles Licences and Private Hire Licences

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed Members of a proposal to simplify procedures in respect of vehicles presented for licensing as hackney carriage or private hire vehicles which fell outside the Council's Age Policy.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that the Director of Community and Cultural Services be granted delegated power to grant hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licences where vehicles fell outside the Council's Age Policy if Licensing Officers considered the vehicles complied with the description of "exceptionally well maintained" as embodied in that policy.

Street Collection Permits within the Vicinity of the Sunderland Stadium of Light

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval to establish a draw to determine the allocation of street collection permits in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members having expressed the view that no organisation should receive more than one permit per season and that the policy be reviewed in light of its first year of operation, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that approval be given to the adoption of the following procedure for processing applications for Street Collection Permits in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light:-

- (i) Officers to accept fully completed applications received between 12th June and 30th June, 2006;
- (ii) a draw to be made by the Chairman of the Regulatory Committee at a future Committee meeting to allocate each fixture date to an organisation;
- (iii) a further ten applications to be drawn and put on a reserve list for any Cup fixtures or other dates that become available throughout the season;
- (iv) any applications successful in the draw and attracting an objection from the Police to be referred to the Regulatory Committee; and
- (v) the above procedure to be reviewed after 12 months to consider potential revisions in light of experience gained during the first year of operation.

Proposed Members Training Event

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) on a proposal to hold a training event on the laws administered by the Regulatory Committee given recent changes in legislation and the appointment of new Members to the Committee.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

4. RESOLVED that approval be given to the holding of a training event at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday, 15th June, 2006 to be arranged by the Director of Community and Cultural Services, on the laws administered by the Regulatory Committee.

Urgent Item

In accordance with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed that the following report (copy tabled) in respect of an application for a street collection permit from Carol Botten on behalf of Grace House Children's Hospice Appeal be considered as a matter of urgency as the event was scheduled to take place on 18th June, 2006 and there would not be another meeting of the Committee at which the item could be considered before that date.

Application for a Street Collection Permit, The Children's Foundation – Yellow Brick Road Appeal on Behalf of Grace House

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy tabled) on an application received from Carol Louise Botten of 15 Co-operative Terrace, Windy Nook, Gateshead to hold a street collection in Mowbray Park, Sunderland on Sunday, 18th June, 2006 on behalf of Grace House Children's Hospice Appeal selling T-shirts, CDs and pin badges.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

5. RESOLVED that the application for a street collection permit received from Carol Louise Botten in respect of an event to be held in Mowbray Park, Sunderland on Sunday, 18th June, 2006 be approved.

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

At the instance of the Chairman, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered likely to include the disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual and the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

(Signed) M. HIGGINS,
Chairman.

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of further items are included in Part II.