

**At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bell, P. Gibson, Macknight, Richardson, D. Smith, Thompson and Wiper

**Declarations of Interest**

Item 4 – Sunderland Stadium of Light – Restriction on General Safety Certificate

Councillor Bell declared that he was a Season Ticket holder for the Stadium of Light

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Dixon, Emerson, Errington, Farthing, Mordey and Waller.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, Part I (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Sunderland Stadium of Light – Restriction on General Safety Certificate**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) on a recommendation that a limit be imposed upon the number of tickets made available by Sunderland Association Football Club to the visiting fans of Manchester United and Everton on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 respectively. Ken Scott Development manager advised members that the changed procedure for the Manchester United game last year had some success, however the away supporters have been moved this season creating a new dynamics, It is considered the restriction proposed which is in fact a small increase is what can safely be managed for both games.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that:-

- a. Approval be given to the setting of a limit of 2379 visiting fans for the fixture with Manchester United on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 and 2649 visiting fans for the fixture with Everton on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 on the grounds of authorising the Club to take all necessary precautions for the reasonable safety of spectators at these games as per Condition 4.
- b. The Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to follow such procedure and issue such notice needed to obtain compliance with the proposed restriction.

### **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – The Licensing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Raising Awareness of Age Policy**

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought the Committee's agreement with regard to the provision of additional information about the Council's Age Policy relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised that appended to the reports were drafts of what the new forms could look like with information detailing the age policy being set out clearly at the start of the forms.

Councillor P. Gibson commented that he felt that the proposed documents were excellent and would help to address Members concerns over vehicle history. He asked whether any consultation with the trade had been carried out. Mr Terrett advised that this meeting was the first time anyone had been provided with the draft documents. There was no requirement for consultation with the trade due to it not being a change in policy. There were regular meetings with the drivers associations and they would be informed of the changes.

3. RESOLVED that the proposed methods for providing additional information to licensees in relation to the Council's Age Policy for vehicles be agreed.

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

4. 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) A. WILSON,

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.