

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 18th APRIL, 2016 at 2.15 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, P. Gibson, Heron, MacKnight and Turner

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors D. Dixon, Elliott, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Howe and Waller

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st March, 2016 Part I

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st March, 2016, Part I (copies circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Variation of Conditions for Private Hire Vehicle Operator and Private Hire Vehicle Licences

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to vary the conditions relating to licences for private hire vehicle operators and private hire vehicles.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised Members that the existing conditions which were proposed to be changed and the proposed changes were set out in Appendix 1 for the operators licences and Appendix 2 for the vehicle licences.

Members gave consideration to the proposals and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the conditions currently applied to private hire operators and private hire vehicle licences be amended as set out in the appendices to the report.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Variation of Street Trading Consents in the Vicinity of the Stadium of Light

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee to vary the conditions which specified the periods of validity of current street trading consents in respect of locations in a designated area within the vicinity of the Stadium of Light and to impose a condition with the same effect upon any such consents issued in the future.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Reading introduced the report and advised that the requested variation was to indicate that the consents were not valid on days when international games were played at the Stadium of Light. There would be an exemption for the consent to trade from the location underneath the St Peter's Metro station as this venue allowed people waiting for Metros to purchase refreshments which was beneficial from a crowd control perspective.

Councillor P. Gibson queried what had happened at previous international games at the Stadium of Light. Mr Paul Weir, SAFC Safety Officer, advised that Sheepfolds had been closed during the England v Turkey match and that there had been 90 coaches of Turkey supporters had been parked there.

Councillor P. Gibson then queried what catering provision there would be. Mr Weir advised that there was food available from the bars within the stadium and that food was also available from the Fanzone. There were also pubs and sandwich bars within the wider area.

Members discussed the matter and Councillor Farthing, seconded by Councillor P. Gibson, moved that the recommendation set out in paragraph 2.1 be agreed. With all Members being in agreement it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the conditions which specified the periods of validity of current street trading consents in respect of locations in a designated area in the vicinity of the Stadium of Light be varied to indicate that the consents were not valid upon days when international football games were played at the Stadium of Light and that a condition with that effect be imposed on any such consents granted in the future.

Urgent Item

In accordance with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman stated that the following item was to be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgent business as objections to the event had been received since the publication of the agenda for the meeting and that the event was to be held prior to the next meeting.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Application for Consent to Trade in a Designated Area – Market Square, Sunderland

The Executive Director of Commercial Development submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of an application which had been received from Continental Market Ltd for consent to trade in a designated area in respect of a site situated at Market Square, Sunderland between 9:00am and 7:00pm from 20th to 24th April 2016.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Reading advised that there had been an objection received from Network Operations as there were already plans for the PDSA band and the Farmers Market to be using the square at the requested time. They were also concerned that the submitted plan was insufficiently detailed to allow a full assessment of the safety of the proposed trading activities. The applicant had been contacted and they were now requesting to hold the event during the period 27th April to 1st May; there were no other events at that time. It was suggested that should Members be minded to grant the application that a condition be imposed requiring that a satisfactory plan be provided prior to the event taking place.

Councillor Farthing queried whether there would be a condition requiring that the traders clear away any rubbish. Mr Reading advised that he believed that this was a standard condition however he would check and would ensure that the condition was included on any consent granted.

4. RESOLVED that the application to trade in Market Square between 27th April and 1st May be approved subject to the inclusion of conditions requiring that all rubbish be removed by traders and that a satisfactory plan be received prior to the commencement of the event.

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

5. 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) J. BLACKBURN,
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.