

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 2013 at 2.15 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Farthing, P. Gibson, MacKnight, Marshall, Mordey, D. Richardson, D. Smith, Thompson, Waller and Wiper

Declarations of Interest

Items 5 and 10

Councillor P. Gibson declared that he knew the applicants for these items and withdrew from the meeting prior to the consideration of these items.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bell, Bonallie and Dixon

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 30th September, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30th September, 2013, Part I (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Thompson in the attendance.

The Undertaking of a Survey to Review the Current Policy in Relation to Quantity Control of Hackney Carriages

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members approval of the undertaking of a survey to determine whether it was in the interests of the public in Sunderland to continue to restrict hackney carriage numbers and if so to determine whether there was any unmet demand for hackney carriages in the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and informed Members that this survey was undertaken every 3 years and that the

last survey was undertaken in 2011. Members were being asked to approve the undertaking of the survey in 2014. The survey would be carried out by an independent consultant. There were currently 349 hackney carriages licensed in the city.

Members gave consideration to the report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that approval be given to the undertaking of a survey to determine:-
 - a. Whether it was in the interest of the travelling public in Sunderland for the Council to continue to restrict hackney carriage numbers; and
 - b. Whether there was any unmet demand for hackney carriages in the city.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Application for Consent to Trade in a Designated Area – High Street West, 40metres East of Cumberland Street and 9 Metres North of the Shop Frontages on High Street West, Sunderland

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee's consideration of an application for the grant of consent to trade in a designated area made by Mr Keith Turner. The area consent was requested for was outside of Currys on High Street West for the period 14th November to 30th December 2013.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Members gave consideration to the application and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that consent be given to Mr Turner to trade from the site on High Street West, 40 metres East of Cumberland Street and 9 Metres North of the Shop Frontages on High Street West, Sunderland for the period 14th November to 30th December 2013.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Application for Grant of Consent to Trade in a Designated Area – Forecourt of Europcar UK Limited Situated on Hay Street Between its Junctions with Brooke Street and Back Stobbart Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to an application received from Kelly Toogood for the grant of consent to trade in a designated area in respect of a site situated on the Forecourt of Europcar UK Limited on Hay Street between its junctions with Brooke Street and Back Stobbart Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

4. RESOLVED that consent be given to Kelly Toogood to trade from the site situated on the forecourt of Europcar UK Limited situated on Hay Street between its junctions with Brooke Street and Back Stobbart Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.

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) 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.