

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Farthing, P. Gibson, Macknight, Marshall, D. Smith and Wiper

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bonallie, Dixon, Mordey, Richardson, Thompson and Waller.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd July, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 22nd July, 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) which requested the Committee to give consideration to the imposition of a limit on the number of tickets being made available to visiting fans of:-

Liverpool on Sunday 29th September 2013

Manchester United on Saturday 5th October 2013

Newcastle United on Sunday 27th October 2013

Manchester City on Sunday 10th November 2013

(For copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - A. Approval be given to the setting of a limit of 2500 visiting fans for the fixtures with Liverpool on Sunday 29th September 2013, Manchester United on Saturday 5th October 2013, Manchester City on Sunday 10th November 2013 and 2800 visiting fans for the fixture with Newcastle United on Sunday 27th October 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. To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to follow such procedure and issue such notice needed to obtain compliance with the proposed restriction.

Objections to Proposed Hackney Carriage Fare Structure

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee to set a date for the coming into operation of a proposed table of hackney carriage fares, with or without modifications, after considering objections that had been received.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Officer, presented the report and advised Members that they were recommended to set 3rd September 2013 as the date the proposed table of hackney carriage fares would come into operation. There had been objections received and these had been circulated to the Committee.

Mr Hines and Mr Iqbal were in attendance representing Station Taxis and the hackney carriage operators association. They advised that they represented 170 hackney carriages; the vehicle operators were fully supportive of the proposed increase as they had faced increased costs from fuel prices increasing and from insurance prices rapidly increasing, in some cases more than doubling. They were aware of the objections and agreed that it was always difficult when proposing to increase prices; a number of the objections had come from drivers who hired vehicles and were not affected by the increased costs.

In response to queries from the Committee Mr Hines advised that this was the maximum amount that could be charged and operators could charge less if they wished. Jobs which were assigned over the radio system were normally all charged at the same rate to ensure consistency but when collecting from the ranks there was more scope for negotiation. There was no change to the fare for the first mile on Tariff 1 and beyond that the increase was only around 4 percent.

- 3. RESOLVED that 3rd September 2013 be set as the date for the coming into operation of the table of hackney carriage fares set out in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4 of the report.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Application for Grant of Consent to Trade in a Designated Area – Sheepfolds North (North Side), East of Junction with Hay Street Immediately After the end of the Waiting Restrictions, Sheepfolds Industrial Estate, Sunderland

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Committee's consideration of an application which had been received from Ms Revelle Wilkinson for the grant of consent to trade in a designated area.

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4. RESOLVED that consent be granted to Ms Wilkinson to trade from the site at Sheepfolds North (North Side), East of Junction with Hay Street Immediately After the end of the Waiting Restrictions, Sheepfolds Industrial Estate, Sunderland.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Application for the Grant of a Sex Establishment Licence – Passion, Holmeside, Sunderland, SR1 3HY

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to give consideration to an application for the grant of a sex establishment licence for the above mentioned premises.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Tom Terrett presented the report and advised that there had been no objections received from the public and the objection that had been received from the police had requested that the applicant agree to implement a number of conditions relating to CCTV; the employment of door supervisors; use of polycarbonate glasses; ensuring that performers were not under the influence of drink or drugs; the implementation of a written drugs policy for staff and public; the maintaining of a written training record and the completion of a risk assessment. These requested conditions were detailed fully in paragraph 4.1 to the report. The applicant had agreed to these conditions being attached to the license if granted.

The applicant Mr Downey advised that his intention was not to turn the premises into a sex club but was to have match day entertainment which included strippers as part of the performance. He stated that there would be no private shows or touching permitted and that performers would be required to provide identification prior to performing.

In response to queries from Members Mr Downey confirmed that there would not be any advertising of sex entertainment outside of the premises and there would always be a member of staff on site who was able to operate the CCTV system.

5. RESOLVED that the Sex Establishment Licence for Passion be granted.

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

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) 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.