

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **REGULATION COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 16 February 2011

PRESENT

Cllr L Birt (Chairman)
Cllr T Green (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs D Bowater
K Janes

Cllrs H J Lockey
A A J Rogers

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs I Dalgarno
M Gibson
R W Johnstone
Ms J Nunn
G Summerfield
P F Vickers

Substitutes: Cllrs P N Aldis (In place of G Summerfield)
R D Berry (In place of I Dalgarno)

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell Democratic Services Officer
Mrs J Borthwick Service Manager, Public Manager
Mrs M Clampitt Committee Services Officer
Mrs M James Licensing and Enforcement Officer
Mr M Woolsey Managing Solicitor

REG/09/40 **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman had no announcements or communications.

REG/09/41 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Regulation Committee held on 17 November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

REG/09/42 **Members' Interests**

(a) **Personal Interests:-**

None.

(b) **Personal and Prejudicial Interests:-**

None.

REG/09/43 **Petitions**

The Chairman announced that no petitions had been referred to this meeting.

REG/09/44 **Public Participation**

No applications had been received in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Paragraph 1 of the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 1 to Part A4 of the Constitution.

REG/09/45 **Adoption of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982**

The Committee received and considered the report which sought endorsement of the adoption of the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, for the licensing of Street Trading, with a view to a recommendation being made accordingly to Council.

The Committee had previously agreed at its meeting held on 17 November 2010 to begin the notification process which would allow Full Council to adopt the relevant provisions to enable regulation of street trading. (Minute no. REG/09/39 refers).

Officers confirmed that no outstanding, negative or unresolved representations had been received further to public consultation through the publication of a notice. The Committee were therefore content to request Full Council to adopt the relevant provisions to become effective from 1 April 2011.

RECOMMENDED

that Council adopts the relevant provisions to enable the regulation of Street Trading, as set out in the report to Regulation Committee on 16 February 2011.

REG/09/46 **Health and Safety (as a Regulator) Service Plan 2011-2012**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Director of Sustainable Communities which requested the Committee to endorse the Health and Safety (as a Regulator) Service Plan 2011 – 12 (a copy of which was appended to the report) and forward any comments to the Executive for consideration. The Committee was advised that the Health and Safety Service Plan was a mandatory requirement by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) which set out the Health and Safety Enforcement activities to be undertaken by Central Bedfordshire Council.

The report was presented by the Public Protection Manager who answered the Members' questions on various aspects of the service plan.

The Committee was pleased to endorse the Plan but expressed concern that the plan be too restrictive to allow work to be carried out. Members were assured that this was not the intention of the plan.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the Health and Safety (as a Regulator) Service Plan for 2011 – 12 be endorsed.**
- 2. that the Executive be asked to approve the Health and Safety (as a Regulator) Service Plan 2011 – 12.**
- 3. that the Assistant District Community Safety, Public Protection, Waste and Leisure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer Communities and Healthier Lifestyles, be given delegated authority to undertake any necessary minor amendments to the requirements prior to publication.**

REG/09/47 Prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated public place - Sandy

The Committee was aware that the Chairman, by virtue of the authority vested in him in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, had agreed to allow this item to be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

The Committee received and considered the report of the Director of Customer & Shared Services which informed of the progress made in the making of the Alcohol Designation Order to restrict anti-social drinking in public places in Sandy.

At the 14 October 2009 meeting, the Committee appointed three Members to review the Alcohol Designation Order and to determine the appropriate area for public consultation in Sandy.

On 12 December 2010 an advert was placed in the newspaper inviting comments. The Committee were asked to approve the Order subject to any comments being received.

The Managing Solicitor confirmed that no objections had been received for Sandy.

RESOLVED

- 1. that the contents of the report be noted.**
- 2. to note that no adverse responses to the public consultation had been received.**

RECOMMENDED

that Council be asked to approve the Designation Order and that the Designation Order come into force on 24 March 2011.

REG/09/48 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED

that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

REG/09/49 **Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the application to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence to Mr Sheraz Ahmed of D and R Taxis, following his non-appearance at Committee. Officers were notified that Mr Ahmed had to be out of the country due to family business.

RESOLVED

that consideration of the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence for Mr S Ahmed be deferred to the next meeting of the Regulation Committee.

REG/09/50 **Re-Admittance of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED

that the Press and Public be re-admitted to the remainder of the meeting.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and concluded at 10.23 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated