

## Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Tuesday 26 June 2018

### Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Barrie, Dixon, Henderson (substituting for Councillor Arthur), Rose, Neil Ross, Smith and Wilson.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 7 May 2018 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 14 May 2018 as a correct record.

### 2. Rolling Actions Programme

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The Regulatory Committee Rolling Actions Programme for the period 3 May 2013 to 26 June 2018 was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of actions 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(References – Regulatory Committee Rolling Actions Programme, submitted)

### 3. Business Bulletin

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The Regulatory Committee Business Bulletin of 26 June 2018 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

### 4. Cinemas Act – Allowing Performance for Parents or Carers with Infants

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The Committee had approved a motion by Councillor Mary Campbell which called for a report to be presented on the possible implementation of policy which would allow infants 12 months or younger to attend screenings of age restricted films when accompanied by an adult over 18 years old. Details were provided of conditions which could be amended to allow this.

## **Decision**

- 1) To agree a policy of allowing babies or infants to attend screenings with their parents.
- 2) To allow individual cinemas to seek a variation to their licence in order to facilitate this.
- 3) To agree revised conditions as set out in appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place and to note that work on revising the current conditions of licence will be reported to a future committee.

(Reference – Regulatory Committee, 6 February 2018 (item 2); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **5. Landlord Registration: Consultation on a Review of Registration, Application and Fees**

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The Council had been invited to respond to a consultation being carried out by the Scottish Government on amendments to the fees payable and technical requirements for applications for landlord registration. Due to time constraints a response had been submitted by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener of the Regulatory Committee.

### **Decision**

To note the action by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener of the Regulatory Committee in accordance with Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions 4.1 to submit the consultation response.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **6. Animal Boarding Establishments**

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Approval was sought for the introduction of revised conditions of Animal Boarding Establishment Licences under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to consult on the proposed conditions as set out in appendices 2 and 3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To agree in principle to the new fee structure and to instruct officers to consult licence holders on this.
- 4) To agree to receive a subsequent report on completion of the consultation.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Demand for Taxis: Six Monthly Update**

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The Council had agreed to limit the number of taxis operating in the city at 1316 and regularly carried out surveys to determine whether this was sufficient to meet demand. The most recent report was presented to the Committee.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the report by Vector Transport Consultancy as set out in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note that on 21 August 2017 the Regulatory Committee agreed to maintain the limitation policy and to fix the number of available licences at 1316.
- 3) To agree that there was no evidence of significant unmet taxi demand and therefore to maintain the limit of 1316 on the number of taxis licensed in the city.
- 4) To agree to use the survey as the basis for determining demand in any future applications for a taxi licence until the next taxi stance survey was completed.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **8. Private Rented Sector Enforcement Activities**

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Following a restructuring of the Council's Private Rented Sector Service, a report was presented which provided information on enforcement activity and dealt with an outstanding remit on how the Council should approach the powers available to it. The report also identified service improvements which could be made and future enforcement priorities.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the report and to discharge the previous remits agreed by the Regulatory Committee on 28 April 2015.
- 2) To agree to receive a further report on future enforcement activities.
- 3) To agree to receive a further report proposing a draft policy on improving repairs and other matters as set out in paragraph 3.19 - 3.20 and 3.29 – 3.30 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)