

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held on Monday 23 September 2013 at 10.10am

Present

Councillors: M D Binks, Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, A V G Griffiths, T G Hughes, D J Knowles, M R Lee and E G Luxton

Apologies

Councillors: Mrs E M Andrews, R Evans, M A Lucas and P F Williams

Also Present

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Officers: M Parish (Licensing Manager), J Stuckey (Member Services Officer) and S Lees (Member Services Officer).

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 25 JULY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2013 were approved as a correct record and **SIGNED** by the Chairman.

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013

The Committee had before it a report * from the Head of Environmental Services regarding the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 which introduced a new licensing regime for those dealing in scrap metal by pulling together the scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and the Vehicle (Crime) Act 2001.

The Licensing Manager informed the Committee that there had been an increase in scrap metal activity within Mid Devon and that there were currently thirteen scrap metal dealers and four motor salvage operators who were registered. Previously such organisations had just been required to be registered and had not been required to pay a fee, however, the new regime, which would come into effect on 1 December 2013, was intended to be far more robust. Between 1 and 15 October 2013 all existing operators would need to submit a new application which would also require the disclosure of any convictions.

Discussion took place regarding:

- A copy of the license would need to be displayed in all vehicles;
- Mobile licenses would be restricted to the local authority area providing the licence;

- There would be close liaison with both the Police and the Environment Agency regarding past convictions and appropriate waste licences;
- Based upon the information known at the current time the Licensing Manager was confident that she had suggested a justifiable and realistic set of fees although she confirmed that the cost of a closure order would need to be met by the General Fund.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) The fees set out in 3.3 of the report be approved;
- (b) That the Regulatory Committee delegates authority to the Head of Environmental Services (HoES) to authorise officers to carry out their duties under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013;
- (c) That where it is the intention of the HoES or his suitably authorised officers to refuse or revoke a licence or to vary a licence and the applicant makes representations, those representations will go to a Sub Committee of three members of the Regulatory Committee who will consider the representations and determine the outcome.

(Proposed by Cllr D J Knowles and seconded by Cllr D R Coren)

Note: * Report previously circulated; copy attached to the signed Minutes.

10. ADOPTION OF MODEL STANDARDS FOR CARAVAN SITE LICENSING

The Committee had before it a report * from the Head of Environmental Services regarding the licensing of permanent residential caravan sites. Mid Devon District Council must have regard to model standards specified by the Secretary of State. In 2008 the Secretary of State replaced the 1989 model standards and this report asked that Mid Devon adopts them for any new sites or if any existing sites undergo substantial changes.

The Licensing Manager explained that this would be a useful document for the future as although the Council was not currently in receipt of any applications for permanent residential caravan sites, it might be in the future. The document would prove to be useful both for officers dealing with an application and also to caravan site owners.

RESOLVED that Mid Devon District Council adopts the 2008 Model Standards for Caravan sites in England.

(Proposed by Cllr A V G Griffiths and seconded by Cllr M R Lee)

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(The meeting ended at 10.47am)

CHAIRMAN