

NOTICE OF MEETING

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Venue: Council Chambers
Midlothian House
Buccleuch Street
Dalkeith

Date: Tuesday 5 June 2012

Time: 2.00 pm

JOHN BLAIR
Director, Corporate Resources

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Order of Business – including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.
- 3 Declarations of Interest.
- 4 Membership of Committee and Terms of Reference - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 3 – 5)**;
- 5 Minutes of Meetings of 6 and 20 March 2012 **(Circulated: Pages 7 – 14 and Pages 15 – 18)**.
- 6 Fireworks (Scotland) Regulations – (a) Procedure for Disposing of Applications for Dispensation - Report by Acting Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 19 – 20)**; (b) Application - Report by Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing **(Circulated: Pages 21 – 24)**; and (c) Future Consideration - Report by Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing **(Circulated: Pages 25 – 29)**.
- 7 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982:-
 - (a) Procedure for Disposing of Applications for Licences - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 31 – 33)**;
 - (b) Street Trader's licence – Car Park, Kentigern Way, Penicuik - Application for Licence – Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 35 – 37)**;
 - (c) Consideration of Spent Convictions - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 39 – 42)**;

- (d) Revised Best Practice : Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 43 – 74);**
 - (e) Replacement Taxis and Private Hire Cars - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 75 – 76);**
 - (f) Survey of Demand for Taxis in Midlothian - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 77 – 78);**
 - (g) Taxis (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) - Review of Fare Tariff - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 79 – 82);** and
 - (h) Licensing of Second Hand Dealers in Clothes and Textiles - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 83– 85)**
- 8 Anti Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 – (a) Procedure for Disposing of Applications for registration by Private Landlords - Report by Director, Corporate Resources **(Circulated: Pages 87 – 88).**

THE COMMITTEE IS INVITED (A) TO CONSIDER RESOLVING TO DEAL WITH THE UNDERNOTED BUSINESS IN PRIVATE IN TERMS OF PARAGRAPHS 3, 12 AND 14 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 – THE RELEVANT REPORT THEREFORE IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION; AND (B) TO NOTE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY SUCH RESOLUTION, INFORMATION MAY STILL REQUIRE TO BE RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004.

- 9 Private Landlord Registration – Application - Report by Director, Communities and Wellbeing **(Circulated under separate cover- Pages 89 – 93).**
- 10 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Street Trader's Licence - Consider Application for Renewal - Report by Chief Constable **(Circulated under separate cover- Pages 95 – 102).**

29 May 2012