

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 4th October, 2012

**Present:-** Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Bates, Eastwood, Miss Mancey, Tagg, Welsh, White, Williams and Mrs Williams

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Cooper, Cllr Lawton, Cllr Mrs Winfield, Cllr Mrs Simpson and Cllr Mrs Heames.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July be agreed as a correct record.

### 4. MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meetings of the Sub-Committee be noted.

### 5. RIZWAN NEWS APPEAL

To inform the Committee of the outcome of the appeal from the sub-committee's decision to the Magistrates Court.

On 15 May 2012 a licensing sub-committee heard an application by Staffordshire County Council Trading Standards to review the premises licence for Rizwan News, 123 Knutton Lane. The application set out a number of areas of concern relating to test purchase failures and the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors.

The appeal was heard before the Magistrates sitting at Fenton Magistrates Court on 18 July 2012 who dismissed the appeal.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

### 6. REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

A report was submitted to allow the Committee to discuss and agree upon the consultation process for the Council's Gambling Policy. Under Section 349 of the Gambling act 2005, the Council has a statutory duty to review its Gambling statement as set out in the Gambling Policy before December 2012.

**Resolved:** (a) That the Gambling Policy for Newcastle under Lyme be sent out for a 5 week consultation period.

(b) That the Consultees for the Gambling Policy be as listed at Appendix B plus representatives of the Trade in the Borough.

(c) That the documentation for the consultation be agreed as listed in the appendices.

(d) That an additional meeting of this Committee be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November to consider any responses received to the consultation and to allow the recommendations of this Committee to be included in the final report to Full Council.

(e) That the updated Policy be presented for approval to Full Council at its meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**7. BRIEFING NOTE REGARDING THE LIVE MUSIC ACT 2012**

**Resolved:** That the briefing note be received.

**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON**  
**Chair**