

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 3rd September, 2013

Present:- Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Bailey, Bannister, Eastwood, Mrs Heames, Miss Mancey, Tagg, Williams and Mrs Winfield

7. **APOLOGIES**

8. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

9. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd July 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

10. **DEREGULATION OF ENTERTAINMENT**

A report was submitted following a request from the Chair, to provide the Committee with a note of the deregulation measures that had been recently implemented by the Government.

Resolved: That the report be received.

11. **LICENSING FEES JUNE 2013**

A report was submitted to update the Committee upon the recent decision concerning fees levied for sex establishment licences.

Resolved: That the report be received.

12. **RESPONSIBLE BODIES GROUP**

A report was submitted to advise Committee of the establishment of a County based Responsible Bodies Group in respect of licensing and seek members opinion on the adoption of the Alcohol licensing and Enforcement Framework Agreement.

The SSRBG group had developed a 'Statement of Intent' for the group, this document was attached at appendix A.

Alcohol licensing was considered to be a focus area across the County for many regulatory services taking into account the four licensing objectives. The SSRBG proposed to consider matters of licensing administration and enforcement in order to achieve a consistent approach and process to the Licensing Act 2003 regime. This was aimed at creating a best practice and a consistent approach across Staffordshire for businesses.

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Members were requested to review the Alcohol Licensing and Enforcement Framework Agreement, attached at appendix B and decide whether Newcastle-under-Lyme wishes to endorse this document.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Alcohol Licensing and Enforcement Framework Agreement be adopted and be signed by the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON
Chair