

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 10th April, 2014

Present:- Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Eastwood, Miss Mancey, Mrs Simpson, Tagg and Mrs Winfield

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors' Bailey, Mrs Heames and Williams

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 26 September, 2013 be agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Chloe Mancey's apologies.

7. MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved:-

- (i) That, the minutes of the Sub-Committee held on 26 September, 2013 be agreed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors' Eastwood and Mrs Winfield being in attendance.
- (ii) That, the minutes of the Sub-Committees held on 3 (two hearings) and 4 December, 2013 be agreed as correct records.
- (iii) That, the minutes of the Sub-Committee held on 23 January, 2013 be held as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors' Eastwood and Mrs Heames being in attendance.

8. ALCOHOL AND VAT BRIEFING NOTE

Members considered a Briefing Note on the Sale of Alcohol at below duty plus VAT.

The Strategy was launched by the Government in March, 2012 aiming to reshape the Approach to alcohol. It is targeted at harmful and hazardous consumers and limit the impact on responsible consumers.

A copy of the Strategy was attached to the report.

Resolved:- That the report be received.

9. DEREGULATION BRIEFING NOTE

Consideration was given to a Report on the Deregulation Bill and six amendments that had been made:

- Changes to the number of TENS permitted per year
- Abolishment of Personal Licences
- Liqueur Confectionery sales now permitted to under 16's
- Late night refreshment exemptions
- Report loss or theft of as licence
- Exhibition of films in community premises.

During the consultation, suggestions had been made to further develop the and tighten system on Personal Licences.

Resolved:- That the report be received.

10. REWIRING PUBLIC SERVICES BRIEFING NOTE

A Briefing Note on Rewiring Public Services was considered by Members. New Licensing Laws have been put forward by the Local Government Association (LGA) which has called for licensing reform.

The LGA report entitled 'Open for Business – Rewiring Licensing' was attached to the agenda and is aiming towards a system that could address the public's and businesses' concerns.

Resolved:- That the information be received

11. SEX ESTABLISHMENT POLICY CONSULTATION 2014

A report on the Licensing of Sex Establishments was considered and a draft policy was handed round at the meeting.

Members were advised that they had three months to study the document whilst it was put out to consultation. After this period it would come back to this committee for further consideration and comments from Members prior to going to Full Council.

Resolved:- That, following the results of the consultation exercise and the Policy document being brought back to this Committee for comment, the Policy be recommended to Full Council for adoption.

12. CONSULTATION ON LOCALLY SET FEES

Information on this item was handed round at the meeting.

The Consultation end-date for this document had ended before this meeting was scheduled to take place, therefore the Chair, the Council's Principal Solicitor and Democratic Services Manager had gone through the Consultation Questionnaire and submitted the document.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON

Chair