

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 23rd February, 2016

**Present:-** Councillor Joan Winfield – in the Chair

Councillors Eastwood, Johnson, Parker, Simpson, Tagg, Wemyss and Williams

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### **2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LICENSING ACT 2003**

Consideration was given to a report outlining proposed amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 which had been proposed by the Policing and Crime Bill – introduced to Parliament on 10 February, 2016.

There were five proposed changes shown in the agenda report.

**Resolved:** That the proposed amendments to the Licensing Act, 2003 be noted.

### **3. PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREMISES LICENCES AND CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE**

Consideration was given to a report recommending that, should a licensee fail to pay the annual fee, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships to suspend Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates – under the Licensing Act 2003.

Members were informed that, reminder letters are sent out when they annual fees are due and this would be followed by a second reminder letter – at which point the majority are paid. Non-payment was not a big problem with this Authority.

**Resolved:** (i) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive or Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee to suspend Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates under the Licensing Act 2003 if the Licensee fails to pay the annual fee.

(ii) That it be recommended to Full Council that the Scheme of Delegation be updated to include the delegation for suspension of Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates.

### **4. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A LICENCE FOR A SEX ESTABLISHMENT**

An application had been received for the renewal of a licence for a sex establishment for the Lace Gentlemen's Club.

**Resolved:** That a licence be granted.

5. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**COUNCILLOR JOAN WINFIELD**  
Chair