

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21st July, 2016

Present:- Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Bailey, Frankish, Harper, Johnson, Jones, Reddish, Simpson, Spence, S Tagg, White, J Williams and Winfield

1. **APOLOGIES.**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February 2016 be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. **PRESENTATION BY INSPECTOR BARLOW AND SPECIAL SATURATION POLICY JULY 2016**

(Consideration of the Special Saturation Policy July 2016 followed the presentation by Inspector Barlow).

In accordance with a decision of this Committee (3/7/2013) that the Special Saturation Policy be reviewed on an annual basis, Inspector Barlow from the Newcastle Local Policing Team gave a presentation to members which reviewed the Cumulative Impact Zone. The Cumulative Impact Zone supported the Special Saturation Zone Policy within this Authority's Licensing Policy. The effect of the Saturation Zone Policy was to create a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences or club premises certificates or material variations thereto will be refused whenever relevant representations about cumulative impact on the licensing objectives which can be substantiated by evidence have been received unless -

The applicant provided evidence to show that the application included measures to show that the operation of the premises would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced or:-

There are no representations from Responsible Authorities.

The presentation provided evidence and supported members to make a decision. Inspector Barlow left the room following his presentation and during consideration of this item by members.

Continuing, the Head of Environmental Health Services explained that there were a number of licensed premises concentrated together in one area that combined had a detrimental impact on levels of crime and disorder and public nuisance and in particular violent crime in the town centre. Given this, the Council had been satisfied

that is was appropriate and necessary to include in its Licensing Policy a Special Saturation Policy. In accordance with Guidance such special policies should be reviewed regularly to assess whether they were still needed or should be amended.

Resolved That the current Saturation Policy was still required and remained adequate and should continue in force for a further 12 months.

5. TO CONSIDER THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THIS COMMITTEE

This item was not considered

6. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON
Chair