

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 3rd July, 2013

Present:- Councillor Trevor Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Bailey, Eastwood, Mrs Heames, Miss Mancey, Mrs Simpson, Tagg, Welsh and Mrs Winfield

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bates, White and Williams

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest stated

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February, 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

4. DEREGULATION OF ENTERTAINMENT

Consideration was given to a report advising Members about the Draft order on the Deregulation of Entertainment which was laid before Parliament on 22 April, 2013, highlighting three areas concerning plays and dance, Indoor sport and Combined Fighting Sports.

An indication was given of other possible areas for future deregulation.

Resolved:- That the report be received

5. SATURATION POLICY

Consideration was given to a report relating to the Cumulative Impact Policy contained in the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy. Members were asked to consider whether the Policy was still required.

Chief Inspector Hulme of Staffordshire Police gave a presentation relating to incidents of Crime and Disorder within the Borough and stated that the Police were happy with the positive effect that the special policy was having.

There had been a good reduction in the figures relating to all incidents, including violent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Members were all agreed that the special policy relating to cumulative impact within Newcastle should be retained and reviewed annually.

Resolved:- That the Saturation Policy be retained and reviewed on an annual basis

6. COUNCIL'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Consideration was given to a report informing Members of the need to amend the Council's Scheme of Delegation relating to the determination of applications for Sexual Entertainment Venue Licences.

It was proposed to delete the current all encompassing delegation at item 11 which currently delegated the licensing of sex establishments to the Public Protection Committee and replace it with:

- That applications for the grant of new Sex Establishment Licences be determined by the Licensing Committee.
- That applications for the grant, variation or transfer of Sex Establishment Licences whether or not representations are received be determined by the Licensing Committee.

It was felt that the changes would properly enable the whole process to be within the remit of this Committee.

Resolved:- That it be recommended to Full Council that the Council's Scheme of Delegation be amended to provide:

- That applications for the grant of new Sex Establishment Licences be determined by the Licensing Committee.
- That applications for the grant, variation or transfer of Sex Establishment Licences whether or not representations are received be determined by the Licensing Committee.

COUNCILLOR TREVOR HAMBLETON
Chair