

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

Present: Councillor Marion Lowe (Chair), Councillor Anthony Gee (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Adrian Lowe, Steve Murfitt, Alan Platt, Ralph Snape and John Walker

Substitutes: Councillor Danny Gee

Also in attendance: Zeynab Patel (Solicitor), Paul Carter (Public Protection Co-ordinator) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

12.LPS.41 WELCOME

The new Chair, welcomed all the new Members to the Licensing and Public Safety Committee for 2012/13.

12.LPS.42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mick Muncaster and Pauline Phipps.

12.LPS.43 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of any interest were received.

12.LPS.44 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee held on 7 March 2012 be held as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

12.LPS.45 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE'S

RESOLVED – That the meetings of the General Licensing Sub Committee's held on 7 March, 4 April and 23 May 2012 be held as a correct record.

12.LPS.46 LICENSING ACT 2003 REFORMS

The Director of People and Places submitted a report informing Members of the recent changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and sought approval of their implementation.

The Committee were informed that recent changes to the Licensing Act 2003 that came in to effect in April 2012 would enable some greater scope for representations to be made at licensing application stage and suspend licences where payment has not been received. To allow these changes to be implemented Members were asked to grant delegated powers to the Director of People and Places.

Members were also asked to note additional changes in relation to the following processes:

- Changes to Temporary Event Notices (TENS)
- Lowering evidential thresholds
- Removing the 'vicinity test' and publicity of applications
- Health bodies as Responsible Authorities
- Licensing Policies
- Sales of alcohol to children
- Relevant offences

RESOLVED

1. **That delegated authority be granted to the Director of People and Places to act on behalf of the Licensing Authority when required under the Licensing Act 2003.**
2. **That delegated authority be granted to the Director of People to suspend premises licences where fee payment is not received.**

12.LPS.47 LICENSING PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITY REPORT

Members of the Committee received a report of the Director of People and Places which detailed performance of the Councils licensing function between the period 1 April to 31 May 2012.

Information was shown against each of the following categories:

- General Licensing
- Taxi Licensing
- Licensing Act 2003
- Gambling Act 2005
- House to house collections

Members requested that in future this information be provided for all Members of the Council through use of intheknow.

RESOLVED – That the information contained within the report be noted.

Chair