

REPORT OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. This report is a brief summary of the main items considered at meetings of the Licensing and Safety Committee and the Statutory Licensing Committee held on 19 September 2007 and 17 October 2007.

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

Licensing and Registration – Summary of Activity from 28 June 2007 to 31 August 2007

2. We received and noted a report of the Corporate Director of Governance on the various licences and permits issued and the regulations effected by the Licensing Section for the period 28 June 2007 to 31 August 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003.

Application for Licence to Drive Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles

3. The applicant attended the meeting to make representations and answer questions from the Committee.
4. Following careful consideration of the application we agreed that it be refused on the basis that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire/hackney carriage drivers licence and we agreed the grounds for the decision.

STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE - 19 SEPTEMBER 2007

Review of Licensing Policy

5. We noted that there was a requirement for the Council to review its licensing policy statement every three years as the existing policy statement came into effect on 7 January 2005.
6. We received a copy of the revised statement of licensing policy and noted that this was now being consulted upon. Members noted that the final document would be presented to Council for approval in December.

Licensing Act 2003/Gambling Act 2005 – Summary of Activity From 28 June 2007 to 31 August 2007

7. We received and noted a report detailing the various licences and permits issued and the regulations effected by the Licensing Section for the period 28 June 2007 to 31 August 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

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Presentation on polycarbonate glasses and test purchasing

8. Sergeant Bushell, the Licensing Sergeant for the area, delivered a short presentation on polycarbonate glasses and the positive results of a local pilot. Members examined the range of glasses and noted the benefits for premises where there have been glass related instances.

9. Sergeant Bushell outlined the way a test purchasing operation was carried out. Members raised several queries and noted the safeguards put in place to protect the children who the police used to try and purchase alcohol.

Licensing and Registration - Summary of Activity from 1 September 2007 - 1 October 2007

10. We received and noted a report of the Corporate Director of Governance on the various licences and permits issued and the regulations effected by the Licensing Section for the period 1 September 2007 to 1 October 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003.

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver - Failure To Meet Medical Standard

11. The driver attended the Committee to make representations and answer questions from Members.
12. We considered that from the medical evidence presented and the driver's confirmation that he was now administering medication in accordance with the instructions of his doctor that the driver was now fit to drive.
13. We resolved to lift the suspension of the licence and allow the driver to continue to drive subject to several conditions.

STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE - 17 OCTOBER 2007

Licensing And Registration – Summary of Activity From 1 September 2007 – 1 October 2007

14. We received and noted a report detailing the various licences and permits issued and the regulations effected by the Licensing Section for the period 1 September 2007 to 1 October 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

Review of Licensing Policy

15. At the previous meeting it was noted that there was a requirement for the Council to review its licensing policy statement.
16. We discussed amendments to the document and noted that the final document would be presented to Council for approval in December.

Recommendation

17. The Council is recommended to note the report.

COUNCILLOR MRS I SMITH
Chairman of the Licensing and Safety Committee

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There are no background papers to this report.