

GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE

Friday 16th September 2005

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Brett), Councillors Armitage, Muir and Sareva (as a substitute for Councillor Palmer).

OFFICERS PRESENT: William Reed (Democratic Services Manager), Tony Payne and Peter Warren-Tibbets (Environmental Health Business Unit).

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from the Vice-Chair (Councillor Turner) and from Councillors Buckingham, Campbell, Goddard and Palmer. Councillor Sareva attended as a substitute for Councillor Palmer.

Rebecca Carley (Area Co-ordinator) also submitted her apologies.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair (Councillor Brett) and Councillor Muir reported that they were members of the Central South and West Area Committee that on 13th September 2005 had considered and reached decisions upon two of the items that were now on this Committee's agenda. However, this did not constitute an interest within the terms of the Members' Code of Conduct.

23. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair agreed to certify as urgent business a report upon the use of Broad Street by stallholders in connection with Car Free Day 2005 on 22nd September in order that decisions upon the report could be reached before that date.

24. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th July 2005 be confirmed as a correct record.

25. LATE NIGHT FOOD STALLS AND STREET TRADING IN BONN SQUARE

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

The Democratic Services Manager reported that the report had been approved by the Central South and West Area Committee for its part on 13th September 2005.

Resolved:-

(1) In respect of controls over hot food vans:-

- (a) to note that there was no evidence to support the removal or refusal of street trading consents for any of the existing hot food van sites but that each consent could be reviewed at any time should evidence emerge to warrant a review;
- (b) (i) in principle, to agree that the consent condition which allowed for transfer to a family member upon the death of a consent holder be amended so that a fresh application was required at that time;
- (ii) that existing consent holders be notified of the proposed change in order that they could make representations before a final decision upon the matter was made;
- (c) to ask the Environmental Health Business Manager to pursue the provision of mains electricity supplies at hot food van sites;
- (d) to note the proposed dispersal plan proposed by the Nightsafe Project and the implications which this might have for the locations of hot food vans, and that a report upon the matter would be presented to Committees at a later date;
- (e) to note that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 provided the Council with additional powers for the control of litter and other environmental nuisances which had been the cause of many complaints surrounding hot food vans and that the use of the new powers was currently being explored;

(2). In respect of trading in Bonn Square:-

- (a) to note that the Environmental Health Business Manager had given notice to the holders of street trading consents in the vicinity of Bonn Square that their consents could be revoked at some point in the future in the light of the refurbishment of Bonn Square;
- (b) to note the Executive Board's request that the Central South and West Area Committee and this Committee should review the location of the existing Bonn Square street traders in the light of the refurbishment proposals for Bonn Square, and to note that a report would be forthcoming on the matter from the Bonn Square Project Manager later in the Autumn.

- (c) to ask the Planning Services Business Manager and the Built Environmental Business Manager to alert the Environmental Health Business Manager at the earliest possible time of redevelopments that might affect street traders so that those traders could be advised that their consents could be revoked in consequence of those developments;

26. PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING – RENEWAL OF LICENCES

The Environmental Health Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that an application fee of £100 be set for the renewal of Public Entertainment Licences that were due to expire between 1st September 2005 and 23rd November 2005.

27. CAR FREE DAY 2005 – USE OF BROAD STREET

The Chief Executive submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended) that the Chair had agreed to certify as urgent business. The Democratic Services Manager reported that the Central South and West Area Committee for its part had agreed to the recommendations in the report at its meeting on 13th September 2005.

Resolved to agree to waive the fee for trading in Broad Street on Car Free Day 2005, namely 22nd September 2005, and otherwise to note the position.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved to note that the next scheduled date for the Committee to meet was on 25th November 2005.