

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 13th October 2010

COUNCILLORS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: The Vice-Chair (Councillor Tony Brett), Councillors Clark Brundin, Colin Cook, Van Coulter, Beverley Hazell, Bryan Keen, Gwynneth Royce, Bob Timbs and Nuala Young.

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: Julian Alison (Environmental Development), Mathew Metcalfe and Daniel Smith (Law and Governance).

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mary Clarkson, Rae Humberstone, Graham Jones and David Williams.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

19. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) the purpose of which was to agree a Draft Revised Statement of Licensing Policy for public consultation.

The Committee agreed to:

- (a) Agree the Draft Revised Statement of Licensing Policy for consultation and the consultation programme as laid out in the report;
- (b) To note the response from Thames Valley Police offering their views the supporting evidence for the retention of the existing Special Saturation Policies for the city centre and Cowley Road;
- (c) Authorise the Head of Environmental Development and the Head of Law and Governance to carry out textual alterations to the draft policy for consultation to accord with the revised guidance issued by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on 30th March 2010;
- (d) Hold a special meeting of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee in February 2011.

20. RESPONSE TO THE HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION: REBALANCING THE LICENSING ACT

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which updated the Committee regarding the response sent by the Licensing Authority to the Home Office consultation.

The Committee agreed to note and support the response.

21. UPDATE ON LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITY UPDATE – APRIL 2010-AUGUST 2010

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which informed the committee of the progress made by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, between April and August 2010.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To welcome the continued high profile of licensing;
- (c) To note that officers would work with Councillor Coulter on liaisons with Oxford Brookes University and that councilor Lygo would assist with regard to school children and responsible drinking schemes;
- (d) That in future the Chairs name would appear on the update report detailing the decisions of the Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee.

22. MINUTES

The Committee agreed to approve the minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting held on 14th June 2010.

23. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None raised

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that it would meet on the following dates in the Town Hall at 5.00pm:

Tuesday 1st February 2011 (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 1st March 2011

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.50 pm