

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Monday 28 May 2012

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Clarkson (Chair), Armitage (Vice-Chair), Cook, Coulter, Curran, Goddard, Hollick, Khan, Lygo, Royce, Seamons and Williams.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mathew Metcalfe (Democratic and Electoral Services), Daniel Smith (Law and Governance), Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) and Tony Payne (Licensing and Development Manager)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2012/13

The Committee agreed to elect Councillor Mary Clarkson as Chair for the Council Year 2012/13.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2012/13

The Committee agreed to elect Councillor Alan Armitage as Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2012/13.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Campbell, Rae Humberstone and Dee Sinclair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Head of Law and Governance informed the Committee that full Council had agreed to change the reporting route concerning licensing policy, namely that consideration of reports concerning the making of, or any changes to policies would now be undertaken by the City Executive Board which would then make recommendations to full Council which had responsibility for setting policies and any changes.

Members of the Committee were of the understanding that licensing policies etc. would still come to the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, to allow it to make comments, which would be passed to the City Executive Board to consider when making its recommendations to full Council.

The Committee agreed to inform the City Executive Board of its wish to continue to receive reports concerning draft policies and proposed changes to existing policies before they were presented to the City Executive Board, as Members felt

that they were best placed in the first instance to make comments as they undertook licensing responsibilities such as attending hearings etc. on a regular basis.

6. LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) the purpose of which was to establish Licensing Casework Sub-Committee for the 2012/13 Council Year to deal with casework flowing from the Council's responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To appoint as many casework licensing Sub-Committees of three members as there were combinations of three members in the total number of Members of the Committee;
- (b) To approve the Sub-Committees' powers and duties as set out in the report.

7. WARD MEMBERS ON LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which sought agreement for the removal of the restriction preventing ward members from sitting on Licensing Hearings concerning applications for premises within their ward.

The Committee agreed to the removal of the current convention of disqualifying Members from sitting on casework sub-committees to determine applications which concerned premises within their own ward.

8. UPDATE ON LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITY - JANUARY - MARCH 2012

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which informed the Committee of activities undertaken by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 between January and March 2012.

Julian Alison introduced the report and highlighted a proposal to provide funding to the Street Pastors Scheme of £1750 to provide bottled water and flip-flops.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To support the granting of £1750 to the Street Pastors Scheme for the provision of bottled water and flip-flops from within existing budgets of the Licensing authority function.

9. MINUTES

The Committee agreed to approve the minutes (previously circulated, now appended) of the meeting held on 22nd February 2012.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 17th October 2012

Tuesday 19th February 2013

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 6.15 pm