

Agenda Item 7

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday 21 January 2014

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Brett (Chair), Clarkson (Vice-Chair), Cook, Coulter, Curran, Goddard and Lygo.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Lois Stock (Democratic and Electoral Services Officer), Daniel Smith (Law and Governance) and Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader)

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Canning, Campbell, Gotch, Hollick, Smith and Williams.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None made

17. LICENSING ACTIVITY UPDATE - AUGUST - DECEMBER 2013

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning licensing activity from August to December 2013. Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) presented the report to the Committee and provided some background and context. He explained how officers dealt with issues of non-compliance, and that their methods had proved effective as the officers had not had to deal with the same premises twice.

Julian Alison informed the Committee that the Licensing Authority will now be setting up a "Night-time Economy Business Partnership" in the various areas of Oxford with contributions from Thames Valley Police, in order to modernise the existing "PubWatch" scheme in order to better address the objectives of the Trade and the NightSafe Partners.

The Chair and Committee thanked the General Licensing Team for all their hard work, especially in the field of enforcement. The Committee noted that the Licensing Authority had now joined the National Association of Licensing Enforcement Officers (NALEO) which would further progress the career development of the staff working in the General Licensing Team.

Resolved to note the report.

18. LICENSING ACT 2003 & GAMBLING ACT 2005: LICENCE FEES & CHARGES FOR THE 2014/15 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) concerning licence fees for 2014/15. Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) presented the report to the Committee. He explained that no changes were proposed to the current level of fees and charges on the

ground that there had been no significant increase in costs, and that costs were not expected to rise in the coming year.

Resolved to:

- (1) Note the licence fees set by statute;
- (2) Agree to licence fees for 2014/15 as set out in the report.

19. MINUTES

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2013.

20. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved to note the dates of future meetings:-

Tuesday 10th June 2014;
Tuesday 23rd September 2014;
Tuesday 27th January 2015
Tuesday 19th May 2015.

The meeting started at 5.05 pm and ended at 5.15 pm