

Agenda Item 6

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday 27 January 2015

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Sinclair (in the Chair), Cook, Clarkson, Coulter, Goddard, Gotch, Henwood, Lygo, Munkonge and Wolff.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader), Jill Cramer (Senior Licensing Officer), Daniel Smith (Law and Governance) and Sarah Claridge (Committee Services Officer)

9. NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR

The Committee nominated Councillor Sinclair as the chair in the chair's absence.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brandt.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

12. LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITY REPORT APRIL TO DECEMBER 2014

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which detailed the progress made by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 during the period: 1st April 2014 to 31st December 2014.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report.

Cllr Cook arrived 6.05pm

The following comments were made:

- There has been a slight increase in activity from last year but only because of changes to the Licensing Act 2003 that allow the Authority to suspend licences when payment of the annual fee has not been made, which has led to a pro-active approach by the Team to visit venues that have debts outstanding and retrieve payments.
- Late night enforcement focuses solely on whether licensed premises are complying with the terms of their licences. Enforcement doesn't cover anti-social behaviour or other environmental issues in the wider community.
- There are no premises of serious concern at this present time within the city, though there are venues that are being monitored and improvements as to how those venues operate have been discussed by the Authority and Police with the owners of those businesses.

- A couple of premises have reached the maximum number of TENS allowed under the Licensing Act 2003 and therefore are not permitted any more this calendar year.

The Committee resolved to NOTE the contents of the report.

13. LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2015/16

The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which details the licensing fees for 2015/16.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report. He explained that where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged, fees have increased by 1.9% in line with inflation.

The Committee resolved to note the report and APPROVE the licensing fees and charges for 2015/16.

14. MINUTES

The Committee welcomed Cllrs Henwood and Munkonge onto the Committee.

The Committee resolved to AGREE the minutes held on 10 June 2015 as a true and accurate record.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee noted the next meeting would be held on 19 May 2015.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.15 pm