

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday 1st March 2011

COUNCILLORS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: The Chair (Councillor Mary Clarkson), the Vice-Chair (Councillor Tony Brett), Councillors Clark Brundin, Jim Campbell, Van Coulter, Bryan Keen and Gwynneth Royce.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT FOR PART OF THE MEETING: Councillor David Williams.

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

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Laurence Baxter, Colin Cook and Nuala Young.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

31. POLICE LICENSING PROCESSES

The Committee was informed that Inspector Matthew Bullivant was unable to attend the meeting due to the timing of his shift, and agreed to invite him to the next meeting of the Committee.

32. LICENCE FEE 2011/12

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which sought agreement of the licence fees for 2011/12 where the Council had discretion over the level of fee charged.

Tony Payne introduced the report.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the licence fees set by statute;
- (b) To approve the licence fees for 2011/12 as detailed in the report.

33. RESPONSE TO HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION: RELAXATION OF LICENSING HOURS FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which updated the Committee on the response sent to the Home Office consultation regarding the relaxation of licensing hours for the Royal wedding.

Julian Alison introduced the report.

The committee agreed to note the report.

34. UPDATE ON LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITY – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 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 September and December 2010.

Julian Alison introduced the report.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the report:
- (b) To request the Head of Environmental Development to provide Members of the Committee with the following information on a regular basis:
 - (i) A list of main licence holders and the premises that they ran (especially if more than one venue);
 - (ii) The weekly active case list and a copy to Daniel Smith in Law & Governance in order that members may be guided.

35. MINUTES

The Committee approved:

- (a) The minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting held on 13th October 2010;
- (b) The minutes (previously circulated) of the special meeting held on 1st February 2011.

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) Minute 21(c) – 13th October 2010 – Update on licensing authority activity – April-August 2010

In response to questions Julian Alison informed the Committee that a meeting had been arranged by Nighsafe which would cover school children and responsible drinking schemes etc. but that he had been advised that he did not need to attend. However he said that he felt that while the Council issued licenses, there was a wider role to this for example responsible drinking and safety.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 5.35 pm

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