

DECISIONS OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

12 December 2007

Committee:

*Councillor Andreas Tambourides(Chairman)

*Councillor Kate Salinger BEd (Hons) (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

*Terry Burton

*Claire Farrier

*John Hart BA MA

*Julie Johnson

Kath McGuirk

*Andrew McNeil

*Susette Palmer MA

*Wendy Prentice

*Hugh Rayner

*Lisa Rutter

*Joanna Tambourides

*Jim Tierney

Marina Yannakoudakis BSc(Hons),MA

* denotes Member present

1. MINUTES:

RESOLVED – That the Decisions of the meeting held on 30 August 2007 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Yannakoudakis (unwell)

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

There were no public questions.

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

None were declared.

5. REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY (Report of the Director of Corporate Governance – Agenda Item 5)

The report of the Director of Corporate Governance set out the Local Authority's responsibility to publish a licensing policy every three years; the last policy was published in January 2004. The report also outlined the outcome of formal consultation on the Council's new draft policy and recommended it for adoption by full Council. The Chairman noted the excellent work done by officers on the questionnaire and thanked them for their work.

RESOLVED that

(1) the proposed Licensing Policy be approved and its adoption be recommended to full Council; and

(2) subject to adoption by full Council, the Director of Corporate Governance be instructed to publish the Policy on or before the 7th January 2008 in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 6)**

The report of the Democratic Services Manager setting out a proposal that the Licensing Committee appoints a set of fixed Licensing Sub-Committees annually was considered.

RESOLVED that

- (1) in the interest of best governance practices, the Committee agrees with the proposal which has the support of the Special Committee (Constitution Review), that this Committee appoints annually a set of fixed membership Licensing Sub-Committees, in the manner illustrated in Appendix A of the report;
- (2) this arrangement would commence at the start of the new Municipal Year and would be reviewed after the first year;
- (3) the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to advise the Special Committee (Constitution Review) of the Licensing Committee's comments on the foregoing: and
- (4) the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to carry out research on the benefits or otherwise in identifying a specific day each week throughout the year reserved for licensing hearings.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm