

DECISIONS OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2010

COMMITTEE:

*Councillor Andreas Tambourides (Chairman)

*Councillor Alison Cornelius (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors

* Maureen Braun

* Claire Farrier

* John Hart

Kath McGuirk

* Susette Palmer

* Wendy Prentice

* Lisa Rutter

* Agnes Slocombe

*Denotes Member present

\$Denotes member absent on Council business

1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS:

Apology for absence was received from Councillor Kath McGuirk.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No questions were received.

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:

No interests were declared:

5. ITEM INCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO COUNCIL - REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY (Report of the Director of Environment & Operations – Agenda Item 5):

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Environment & Operations, conveying the draft Licensing Policy which had been circulated separately to Members of the Council as the approval of the Licensing Policy was a matter reserved to full Council under the Constitution.

The deadline for receipt of responses to the public consultation on the draft policy had expired on 10 December after circulation of the report, and the Committee was informed that no responses had been received during that time.

The Committee's recommendation that Council approve the draft policy as submitted is included in their report to the full Council meeting held later that day. In reaching this recommendation the Committee raised the following points:

- ❖ That the reviewed policy would **probably** need to be reviewed/changed as a result of the forthcoming likely changes to the Licensing Act;
- ❖ That paragraph 9.3 (page 13 of the policy) dealt with badly managed premises but was limited as those premises that usually remain open whilst on appeal. Also there were issues with premises often causing nuisance and disturbances to residents and this seemed to take considerable time to deal with – it was hoped that the forthcoming likely changes to the Licensing Act would give more powers to local authorities;

- ❖ That the Council needs more power to control night clubs; and
- ❖ That the Council might need to consider adopting a Saturation policy.

The Chairman agreed to write to the Home Office with the Committee's views.

The meeting finished at 6.15pm.