

LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003)

12 JANUARY 2015

Present: Councillor J Brown (Chair)
Councillor P Jeffree (Vice-Chair)
Councillors I Brown, J Connal, K Crout, G Derbyshire,
K Hastrick, M Hofman, A Khan, H Lynch, B Mauthoor, M Mills,
D Scudder and S Williams

Officers: Environmental Health and Licensing Section Head
Solicitor
Licensing Manager
Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer (JK)

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee observed a minute's silence out of respect for those affected by the recent tragic events in Paris.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Saffery.

7 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

There were no disclosures of interest.

8 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 July 2014 were submitted and signed.

9 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES AND UPDATE

The Committee received an update on the Licensing Sub-Committee hearings which had taken place since the last Committee meeting.

The minutes were submitted to the Chairs of each Sub-Committee for approval.

10 LICENSING ACT ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received a report of the Head of Community and Customer Services providing details of the operation of the Licensing Act 2003 in the Borough during 2014.

The Licensing Manager introduced the report. He highlighted some areas of note including that the number of Temporary Event Notices had increased while the number of Licensing Sub-Committee hearings had noticeably decreased. The recent applications had been more complex and he noted that officers had conducted a number of mediation meetings to address concerns. He updated the Committee on the applications which had been made for premises in the town centre; there had been fewer alcohol-led applications and more food-led applications. This was encouraging as it demonstrated that the Licensing Policy was attracting the right kind of premises to the town. He outlined some of the forthcoming relevant changes to legislation.

Councillor Lynch referred to the increase in pavement licences that had been granted in the town centre. She asked whether there would be a review of the impact on residents. The Licensing Manager explained that there was no plan to do this but neither had the Council received any complaints.

RESOLVED –

that the report be noted.

Chair

The Meeting started at 7.30 pm
and finished at 7.45 pm