

LICENSING (LICENSING ACT 2003) COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2012

Present: Councillor J Brown (Chair)
Councillor K Hastrick (Vice-Chair)
Councillors K Brodhurst, J Connal, K Crout, G Derbyshire,
P Jeffree, C Leslie, A Mortimer, D Scudder, L Scudder and
D Walford

Also present: Councillor Ian Brown, Councillor Asif Khan, Councillor
Malcolm Meerabux and Councillor Steve Rackett

Officers: Head of Environmental Services
Environmental Health and Licensing Section Head
Legal and Democratic Section Head
Licensing Manager
Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer (JK)

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mills and Qureshi.

10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

There were no disclosures of interest.

11 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2012 were submitted and signed.

12 EARLY MORNING RESTRICTION ORDERS AND LATE NIGHT LEVIES

The Committee received a report of the Head of Environmental Services asking Members to endorse the response to the Government's consultation.

In response to a question from a Member the Licensing Manager explained that the Early Morning Restriction Order (EMRO) and Late Night Levies (LNL) were different. The Late Night Levy would impose charges from £64 to £4,400 and certain premises were exempt.

A Member expressed his concern that an EMRO must be endorsed by Full Council as there were only five or six meetings a year. He suggested that it would be better if it was agreed by the Licensing Committee instead.

The Licensing Manager replied that this could be included in his response.

The Member also noted that 70 percent of the levy would go to the Police Authority. He was concerned that the Police could spend the money outside the area where it was collected.

In response to a question from a further Member, the Licensing Manager confirmed that either an EMRO or a LNL could be introduced.

The Chair summarised that the Committee was happy with the response but wanted to raise points about the agreement of Full Council and the ability of the Police to spend the funds outside the area.

The Chair thanked the officers for all their hard work.

RESOLVED –

that the response and the Committee's comments be endorsed.

The Meeting started at 9.55 pm
and finished at 10.00 pm

Chair
Licensing Committee
(Licensing Act 2003)