

LICENSING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010

PRESENT – Councillor Konrad Tapp (in the Chair), Councillors Barry, Davies, Gee, Hussain I, Melia, Oldfield, Pearson D, Rehman, Smith Ji, Solkar, Walsh and Wright.

RESOLUTIONS

1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th February 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

Item 25 - (Review of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Standards), Councillor John Wright referred to the meeting of the full Licensing Committee on 16th February 2010, and the recommendations made to the Executive Member for Regeneration, that have not been approved. Donna Riding stated that the final decision had acknowledged the need for a disability impact assessment to be carried out, and that Members would be informed when this would occur. Councillor Wright voiced concerns that the issues on the committee report had been separated and the decision paper on the two tier system had been published on 7th May, and that there was not sufficient time to organise a call in, as it was so close to elections time.

2 Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee held on 16th March and 20th April 2010, be confirmed by Members present who had served at that meeting and were signed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of interest

Councillor David Pearson declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 [member of human rights organisation 'Object'] (Resolution to apply for the licensing of sexual entertainment venues) Councillor Pearson remained in the meeting during discussion on the item.

4 Resolution to apply for the licensing of sexual entertainment venues

A report was submitted for Members to consider adopting the amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. This

introduces a Licensing regime for “sexual entertainment venues” such as lap dancing.

The report proposed a consultation process to be undertaken prior to any recommendations being forwarded to full council

The report further proposed that a draft policy for sex establishments should be consulted on if it is decided to adopt the new regime. This would give the Council greater control over issues such as suitability of applicants, the number of establishments and where they can be located

It was proposed that the consultation period on whether the Council should adopt the new provisions will run from July 2010 to September 2010 and the following groups will be consulted:

Police Licensing Team
Shared Neighbourhood teams
Ward Councillors
Businesses Licensed under the Licensing Act 2003
Resident and Business Associations
Faith Groups

A discussion took place around the issue in which Members of the Committee asked questions of the Council’s Licensing Officers and Legal Officer.

It was recommended that members consider the outcome of a consultation and if considered appropriate request the Council to adopt the amendment to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, to allow the licensing of sexual entertainment venues.

RESOLVED -

That members consider the outcome of a consultation and if considered appropriate request the Council to adopt the amendment to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, to allow the licensing of sexual entertainment venues

5 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

6 Minutes of the General Licensing Sub Committees

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub Committees held on 16th March and 20th April 2010 were confirmed by Members present who had served at those meetings and were signed as a correct record.

Signed.....
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....