

LICENSING COMMITTEE
4th March 2010

Present: Councillors: Christian Mitchell (Chairman), Leonard Warner (Vice-Chairman), George Cockman, Christine Costin, Leonard Crosbie, Sheila Dale, Brian Donnelly, Duncan England, Alan Fisher, Jim Sanson, Mrs Sheila Van Den Bergh, Keith Wilkins

Apologies: Councillors: Peggy Davies, Sally Horner, Ian Shepherd

LI/30 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LI/31 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

LI/32 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

LI/33 **PUBLIC HEALTH AND LICENSING – LICENCE FEES FOR 2010/2011**

The Head of Planning & Environmental Services reported on the proposed fees for various licences issued by the Public Health & Licensing Department. The fees, if approved by the Committee, would take effect on 1st April 2010.

The individual licence fees were calculated to recover the cost of issuing the licence and enforcing the requirements of the relevant legislation.

The fees were calculated taking into account officer time, transport and any external costs that the Council incurred. The Council had determined that where possible fees and charges should go up in line with inflation (2.7%).

The Legislative Reform (Dangerous Wild Animals) (Licensing) Order 2010 was expected to come into force in early 2010 and would make minor amendments to the legislation on Dangerous Wild Animals.

The changes were intended to reduce the burden on Local Authorities and animal keepers and the main change would be to extend the period of validity of a license from the maximum of one

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calendar year to two years. Since the intention was to undertake one inspection per year instead of two, it was considered that no change to the license fee was needed to reflect these changes when they came into force.

RESOLVED

That the fees for licences issued during 2010/11 be agreed, as submitted, to take effect from 1st April 2010.

LI/34 **LICENSED PREMISES ENGAGED IN RETAIL SALE AND/OR SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL - ADDITIONAL MANDATORY CONDITIONS INTRODUCED UNDER PROVISIONS OF POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009**

The Head of Planning & Environmental Services reported that the Home Office had laid a draft Statutory Instrument setting out the provisions for the introduction of Mandatory Licensing Conditions introduced by the Policing and crime Act 2009. Guidance issued under the section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 would be amended in due course to reflect the new conditions.

Conditions 1, 2 and 3 were due to be implemented on 6 April 2010 and conditions 4 and 5 on 1 October 2010. The new Mandatory conditions would be applied retrospectively to all the premises licences issued by local authorities across the country. Further information from the Home Office and Department of Culture, Media and Sport as to how this would be implemented was being awaited.

RESOLVED

That the change in legislation and the new conditions which would form part of all Premises Licences be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.06pm having started at 5.30pm

CHAIRMAN