

LICENSING COMMITTEE

6th June 2013

Present: Councillors: George Cockman, David Coldwell, Helena Croft, Leonard Crosbie, Brian Donnelly, Gordon Lindsay, Christian Mitchell, Josh Murphy, Sue Rogers, Jim Sanson

Apologies: Councillors: Peter Burgess, Christine Costin, David Jenkins, David Skipp, Diana van der Klugt

Also present: Councillor John Bailey

LI/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Christian Mitchell be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

LI/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Jim Sanson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

LI/3 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LI/4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

LI/5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

LI/6 **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)**

The Head of Planning & Environmental Services reported that under the Licensing Act 2003, a statement of the Council's Licensing Policy had to be published every three years. The Council's first licensing policy had come into force on 7th January 2005 and the current policy had come into effect on 7th January 2011.

LI/6 Review of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003) (Cont.)

Whilst this period for review was likely to be extended to five years commencing November 2013, owing to significant changes to the Licensing Act 2003, including the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the current policy was no longer considered fit for purpose and an updated policy was required.

The draft policy would be subject to public consultation and have to be approved by Council, acting as the Licensing Authority, before being formally adopted. Were the Committee to approve the draft policy for consultation, there would be a three month consultation period beginning by 1 July 2013. Comments would be invited from a wide range of consultees, including statutory consultees, Members, parish and neighbourhood councils, some licensed premises, trade representative bodies and the public via the Council's website.

A final draft policy would be presented to a meeting of the Committee in November 2013 for recommendation to the Council on 11th December 2013.

The draft Licensing Policy was considered by the Committee and Members agreed to approve the proposal for consultation purposes. The Committee agreed that the date of the next Licensing Committee would be Thursday 7th November 2013.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the draft Licensing Policy submitted be approved as a consultation policy.
- (ii) That the Head of Planning & Environmental Services consult on the draft policy for a period of three months, with a deadline for responses of 30th September 2013.
- (iii) That a further Report be submitted to a meeting of the Committee in November 2013 with the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations for a revised policy.

REASONS

- (i) To comply with legislative requirements.
- (ii) To ensure openness and transparency in the Council's decision making.
- (iii) To ensure that those persons affected by the policy have the opportunity to have an input into it.

The meeting ended at 5.45pm having commenced at 5.30pm

CHAIRMAN