

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor MacKnight in the Chair

Councillors Bell, Bonallie, Emerson, Errington, Francis, P. Gibson, Thompson, Wilson and Wiper.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Maddison, F. Miller, D. Richardson and Waller.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 5th September, 2011

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 5th September, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 – Quarterly Report July/September 2011

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the regulatory activity undertaken by the Council between 1st July and 30th September, 2011 with regard to the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Licensing Act 2003 – Decisions of Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings held in September/October 2011

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the outcomes of the Licensing Sub-Committee hearings which had been held in September/October 2011.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager presented the report and in response to an enquiry from Councillor Gibson advised that in future reports he would also include a précis of the evidence submitted as well as the outcomes.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 Contained in the Public Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised the Committee of amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 contained in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager and Jim Wotherspoon, Solicitor having briefed Members on the key issues arising from the summary of amendments as detailed in the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) on proposals to relax licensing hours to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd June 2012.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager presented the report advising Members that the Home Office proposed that those premises not already licensed under the Licensing Act to 1.00 a.m. would be able, should the licence holders so choose, to remain open for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision of regulated entertainment until 1.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd June 2012.

The purpose of the Home Office in this proposed exercise was to mark this occasion of 'exceptional significance' and to avoid the costs, and administrative burdens, of a large number of licensees being obliged to give Temporary Event Notices in order for celebrations to continue to a reasonable hour.

5. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

(Signed) D. MacKnight,
Chairman.