

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 24th MARCH, 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor MacKnight in the Chair

Councillors Bonallie, Farthing, P. Gibson, Marshall, Richardson, D. Smith, Thompson, Waller, Wiper and A. Wilson

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bell, Dixon and Emerson

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th October, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th October, 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

A Consultation on Fees Under the Licensing Act 2003

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised the Committee of a consultation document issued by the Home Office on their proposals to enable Councils to set application fees locally under the Licensing Act 2003 on a cost recovery basis. Members were requested to consider the proposed responses to the consultation document as set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Iain Cavanagh, Senior Licensing Officer, presented the report and advised that it had not been possible to provide a full response to question 19 as some of the costs were unable to be estimated.

Councillor Wilson referred to the response to question 28 and stated that she did not like the use of 'don't know' as a response; Mr Cavanagh advised that there had been a significant amount of documentation relating to this question and it had not been

possible to give full consideration to all of this documentation and as such it had not been able to provide any other response to the question.

Councillor D. Smith queried the response to Question 25b and was advised that there was a lot of officer time involved and that there were always complaints about fees from all parties involved.

2. RESOLVED that consideration be given to the proposed responses to the consultation.

(Signed) D. MACKNIGHT,
Chairman.