

At a meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 23RD MAY, 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor A. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors P. Gibson, MacKnight, Maddison, D. Smith, Waller and Wiper

Prior to the commencement of the formal business, the Chairman paid tribute to former Members of the Committee, Sylvia Old, John Walton, Graham Hall, Denny Wilson and Councillor John Scott and thanked them for their support and contributions to the meetings of the Committee. She then welcomed and introduced Councillors Waller and Wiper who were attending their first meeting as Members of the Committee.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

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

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th February, 2011 – Part I

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th March, 2011, Part I (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Regulation of Sexual Entertainment Venues

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed Members of the contents of the draft policy in respect of sexual entertainment venues and sought approval to undertake a consultation exercise thereon.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Tom Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and in response to an enquiry from Councillor P. Gibson advised that it was not a document that required approval from full Council.

Councillor Gibson replied that given the nature of the issue covered by the policy he felt that once the document had been approved by the Committee, following the consultation period, it should then be submitted to full Council for final approval. There was a consensus among Members that this would be the most appropriate course of action.

With regard to an enquiry from Councillor Maddison in respect of paragraph 3.1 of the draft policy, Mr. Terrett advised that he would clarify the position with regard to the Council's visions and values.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Wiper, Mr. Terrett advised that the legislation precluded moral objections being proposed as a material consideration.

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) approval be given to a consultation exercise being undertaken in respect of the draft Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy; and
- ii) the policy be re-submitted to the Regulatory Committee for approval following the consultation period and then referred to full Council for final approval.

Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

3. RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered likely to include the disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual and the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 1 and 3).

(Signed) A. WILSON
Chairman

Note:-

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to members of the public.

Additional minutes in respect of further items are included in Part II.