At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor MacKnight in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Farthing, P. Gibson, Marshall, Mordey, D. 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, Bonallie and Dixon

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 22nd July, 2013

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 22nd July, 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

A Consultation of Personal Licences: Enabling Targeted Local Alternatives

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised the Committee of a consultation document issued by the Home Office on the subject of whether personal licences issued under the Licensing Act 2003 should be abolished and whether Councils should be allowed to apply relevant conditions to premises licences where appropriate.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, introduced the report and advised Members that this proposal was part of the Government's new alcohol strategy and that the proposed response to the consultation was detailed on page 20 of the report.

2. RESOLVED that consideration having been given to the proposed responses to the consultation, they having been approved be submitted as part of that process

Attendance at a Local Government Association Leadership in Licensing Event

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed Members of the Leadership in Licensing event which had been organised by the Local Government Association and requested Members to give consideration to attendance at the event.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Reading introduced the report and asked whether any Members wished to attend the event which would be taking place on 7th November, 2013 at the Newcastle Civic Centre.

Councillors Farthing, MacKnight and Mordey expressed an interest in attending the event and as such it was:-

3. RESOLVED that Councillors Farthing, MacKnight and Mordey be given approval to attend the event on 7th November, 2013.

(Signed) D. MACKNIGHT, Chairman.