

At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Fletcher in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Elliott, I. Galbraith, P. Gibson, Howe, Kay, Lawson, O. Brien, Scaplehorn and Turner.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors D. Dixon, Heron and Waller

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 6th February, 2017

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th February, 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 Contained in the Immigration Act 2016

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 contained in the Immigration Act 2016.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised that people who did not have the right to work in the UK would not be able to hold a licence and the onus was now on the Council to carry out the relevant checks to ensure that people were eligible to work in the UK. The changes did not stop overseas companies from owning licenced premises. The changes would not affect existing licence holders and if an existing licence holder was convicted of an immigration offence then the Secretary of State would inform the Council of the offence so that action could be taken against the licence.

2. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Amendments to the Licensing Act 2003 Contained in the Policing and Crime Act 2017

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Mr Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, presented the report and advised that the changes to the act changed the definition of alcohol so that powdered and vaporised alcohol was covered by the act. There had also been changes to the provisions for summary reviews. There had been changes to the personal licences with new offences being added in respect of immigration; the Council now also had the power to revoke personal licences now if relevant offences had been committed. The Police had access to the list of people who held personal licences and could inform the Council if a licence holder had been convicted of a relevant offence.

3. RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(Signed) J. FLETCHER,
Chairman.