At a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 3RD JULY, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Mrs. Higgins in the Chair

Councillors Bohill, P. Gibson, Gofton, Grey, J. Heron, T. Martin, Richardson, J.B. Scott, Trueman, J. Walton, Whalen and Wilson.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Howe and Peter Maddison.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on 5th June, 2006

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5th June, 2006 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Invitation from Northumbria Police for Members' Site Visit to Sunderland City Centre

The Director of Community and Cultural Services submitted a report (copy circulated) on an invitation received from Northumbria Police for Members to undertake a site visit to Sunderland City Centre to observe the operation of the 'evening economy' following the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members were advised that it was hoped to arrange the visits for Thursday and Friday evenings towards the end of July 2006 (i.e. 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th) and were asked to contact Mr. Terrett, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager regarding their availability.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the invitation from Northumbria Police for Members to undertake a site inspection of the City Centre be accepted and that the Director of Community and Cultural Services be authorised to make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

(Signed) M. HIGGINS, Chairman.