

# Merton Council

## Licensing Committee

### Membership:

Councillor David Simpson CBE - Chairman

Councillor Stand Anderson

Councillor John Bowcott

Councillor Richard Chellew

Councillor Chris Edge

Councillor Philip Jones

Councillor Logie Lohendran

Councillor John Sargeant

Councillor Linda Scott

Councillor Sam Thomas

Councillor Greg Udeh

Councillor Martin Whelton

A meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held on:

**Date: 19 October 2011**

**Time: 7.15 pm**

**Venue: Committee Rooms, first floor**

**Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden**

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(19:15 TO 20:00)

PRESENT: Councillors David Simpson (in the chair), Stan Anderson, John Bowcott, Richard Chellew, Chris Edge, Philip Jones, Logie Lohendran, Linda Scott and Sam Thomas.  
Marc Dubet (Pollution and Licensing Manager), Colin Millar (Democracy Services)

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors John Sargeant, Greg Udeh and Martin Whelton.

The Chair asked members to indicate if they would participate in a training session should one be organised – all members present indicated that they would like to have this opportunity.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 1)

Councillor Logie Lohendran declared a personal interest in item 4 as the vice-chair of Morden Park committee.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2011 (Agenda item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March are agreed as a correct record.

3 LICENSING SECTION PROGRESS REPORT (Agenda item 4)

Appendix 1 to the report was tabled.

Marc Dubet introduced the report and discussed various aspect with members including:

- Since the reorganisation of the Licensing team from 1 April 2011 procedures and processes have been improved. The Licensing team are working closely with the Licensing Sergeant at Wimbledon Police station to discuss problem premises and strategies on how best to deal with licensing complaints.
- event in Morden Park – this needed to be better managed and the team were considering how best to pursue this with the organisers;
- Compliance with conditions specified at review hearings including licence suspensions was good;
- Pollution /Licensing teams will follow up on the noise issues at Edwards and the use of the double doors;
- the offences shown in appendix 1 would associated offences arising from entry refusals to the premises;
- members asked to have some information on the disposition of the recorded offences;
- The effect of the Police and Social Responsibility Bill and the

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Localism Bill was yet to be clarified but it was anticipated that the role of Licensing Authorities was intended to be enhanced and that there would be effects on the team