

LICENSING COMMITTEE

12 JUNE 2012

7.15 TO 7.50 PM

PRESENT: Councillor David Simpson (chairman). Councillors Stan Anderson, John Bowcott, Chris Edge, Philip Jones, Logie Lohendran, Linda Scott, Greg Udeh.

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Dubet (EH, Licensing and Pollution Manager), Susanne Wicks (Democratic Services Officer).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Chellew, Sargeant and Whelton.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 CHANGES IN LICENSING LEGISLATION AND THEIR EFFECTS

Marc Dubet introduced this report. He gave further detail where appropriate and answered questions raised by the committee.

Marc Dubet advised that the Act took effect on 25 April 2012. He also explained that he is trying to find the right contact in Health in order to ascertain if what data may be made available from A & E departments with regard to the licensing objectives. He also confirmed that all applications are now being sent to PCTs as they are statutory authorities.

The committee discussed the possible implications of the removal of the vicinity test, one of which may be more licensing sub-committees if more people make representations.

Marc Dubet noted that the new powers with regard to non-payment of the annual fee are useful for local authorities, who will no longer have to resort to using debt recovery. He confirmed that licensing officers will write and advise licence holders that their licence will be suspended if they do not pay their annual fee with 21 days of the due date.

The committee discussed the possible implications of the Late Night Levy and the Early Morning Restriction Order, neither of which have been enacted yet. Marc Dubet undertook to report back to this Committee on the progress of these parts of the Act at the October meeting.

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The committee noted the need to review the statement of gambling policy by January 2013, and undertook to look at the revised policy at the meeting in October. Marc Dubet advised that consultation on the review will begin shortly.

Report received.