

Merton Council

Licensing Committee

Membership:

Councillor David Simpson CBE - Chairman

Councillor Stan 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: 12 June 2012

Time: 7.15 pm

**Venue: Committee Rooms D & E, first floor
Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden**

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LICENSING COMMITTEE
29 FEBRUARY 2012

7.15 TO 8 PM

PRESENT: Councillor David Simpson (Chairman), Councillors Stan Anderson, John Bowcott, Richard Chellew, Philip Jones, Logie Lohendran, John Sargeant, Judy Saunders, Martin Whelton.

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Dubet (Environmental Health (Pollution & Licensing) Manager), Susanne Wicks (Democratic Services Officer).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Edge and Councillor Linda Scott.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2011

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

4 PROPOSED CHANGES IN LEGISLATION AND THEIR LIKELY EFFECTS

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

Marc Dubet advised that much of the new legislation requires further guidance before it can be implemented.

In response to Marc Dubet's comments about the impact of the changes upon staff in the Licensing Team, the committee noted his concerns and discussed the possible resource implications.

The committee discussed the possibility of people making vexatious representations, which may require more sub-committees to meet to consider applications. It was agreed that this should be monitored and the committee kept updated.

Marc Dubet undertook to circulate the revised Section 182 Guidance to all members of the committee when available.

Councillor David Simpson thanked Marc Dubet for the update and asked that a further update be presented to the committee at its meeting in June 2012.

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