

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: 25 October 2012

Time: 7.15 pm

**Venue: Committee Rooms B & C, first floor
Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden**

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Note 1

Members are reminded of the need to have regard to the items published with this agenda and, where necessary to declare at this meeting any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012) in any matter to be considered at the meeting. If a pecuniary interest is declared they should withdraw from the meeting room during the whole of the consideration of that matter and must not participate in any vote on that matter. If members consider they should not participate because of a non pecuniary interest which may give rise to a perception of bias, they should declare this, withdraw and not participate in consideration of the item. For further advice please speak with the Council's Assistant Director of Corporate Governance.

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.