LICENSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2014 AT 2.05pm

- PRESENT: Councillor Bell (Chairman), Bowman S, Cape, Morton, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard (as substitute for Councillor Mrs Franklin), Mrs Warwick and Wilson.
- OFFICERS: Legal Services Manager Licensing Manager

LC.06/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Franklin and Councillor Layden.

LC.07/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

LC.08/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 12 February 2014 be agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

LC.09/14 LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee 3 held on 28 March 2014 and the Licensing Sub Committee1 held on 1 April 2014, attached as Appendix A to these Minutes, be noted.

LC.10/14 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.22/14 giving Members an update on the applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager reported on the licence figures as 5 June 2014. He reported that all fees under the Licensing Act were fixed by Central Government and would be reviewed to ensure that Licensing Authorities recovered the full cost of administrating the licensing function.

The Licensing Manager reported that the Local Government Association, Association of Chief Police Officers and the British Beer and Pub Association had produced a booklet in preparation for the World Cup entitled 'Managing World Cup Success' which provided advice for licensees prior to the World Cup. Most of the games would be broadcast live and some would finish in the early hours of the morning, UK time, it was expected that liquor licensed premises would wish to take advantage of those hours and extend their opening hours as appropriate. The booklet had been circulated to licensed premises, would be available on the City Council website and a press release would be issued at the appropriate time. He added that some pubs had taken advantage of the additional hours and there had been no problems as a result of the additional hours.

The Government had published a Statutory Instrument which related the liquor licensing hours at all 'on' licensed premises during all England games. This had the effect of extending licensing hours up to 1am subject to certain criteria being met.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.22/14 be noted.

LC.11/14 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – UPDATE

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.23/14 giving Members an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager highlighted the licence figures as at 5 June 2014.

He reported that officers continued to visit local gambling premises to meet managers and answer any queries under the legislation. The Licensing team were also carrying out inspections, with the Compliance Manager from the Gambling Commissions.

He informed the Committee that there had been a national increase in stake and prizes for category 'C' gaming machines.

RESOLVED - That Report GD.23/14 be noted.

LC.12/14 APPOINTMENT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to the amendment of the appointment of Members to serve on the four Licensing Sub-Committees. A copy of the schedule showing the group amendments to those four sub-committees had been circulated. It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED – That the schedules setting out the appointment of Members to serve on the four Licensing Sub-Committees for Municipal Year 2014/15, as set out below, be approved.

	CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT GROUP
Licensing Sub–Committee 1 (3)	1 Morton	1 Bell 2 Wilson		
	Sub: Layden	Sub: Cape Sub: Warwick		
Licensing Sub–Committee 2 (3)	1 Layden	1 Franklin		1 Betton
	Sub: Morton	Sub: Scarborough Sub: Wilson		

	CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	INDEPENDENT GROUP
Licensing Sub–Committee 3 (3)	1 Parsons	1 Cape 2 Stevenson		
	Sub: Bowman S	Sub: Bell		Sub: Betton
Licensing Sub–Committee 4 (3)	1 Bowman S	1 Scarborough 2 Warwick		
	Sub: Parsons	Sub: Franklin Sub: Stevenson		

(The meeting ended at 2.07pm)