

LICENSING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2012 AT 3.31PM

PRESENT: Councillor Bell (Chairman) Councillors Allison, Cape, Craig, Ms Franklin, Layden, Morton, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough, Mrs Stevenson and Whalen (as substitute for Councillor Mrs Warwick)

OFFICERS: Acting Legal Services Manager
Licensing Manager
Licensing Officer

LC.22/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Warwick.

LC.23/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LC.24/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 October 2012 be agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

LC.25/12 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.07/13 giving Members an update on the applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager reported on the licence figures as at 28 January 2013. 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 administering the licensing function. Further information would be reported to the Committee as it became available.

The Licensing Manager explained that test purchase operations were periodically carried out by the Police and Trading Standards and a recent operation had targeted off licences for under age sales of alcohol and/or tobacco. Five premises had refused the sale however, disappointingly two premises had sold alcohol to the young person. The under age sale had been dealt with by an £80 fixed penalty ticket to the seller and the licence holder would be interviewed. The Licensing Office wrote to each of the premises following the operation and congratulated the premises who had refused the sale and sent a warning to the premises who made the sale.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.07/13 be noted.

LC.19/12 GAMBLING ACT 2005 –UPDATE

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.08/13 giving Members an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager highlighted the licence figures as at 28 January 2013.

In accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, licensing authorities were required to publish a statement of the principles which they proposed to apply when exercising their functions. The Statement must be published every three years. The City Council's Policy had been published on 3 January 2013 and had become effective on 31 January 2013.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.08/13 be noted.

(The meeting ended at 3.37pm)