

SPECIAL LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 19th March, 2008 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Beilby
Councillor Bird
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Micklewright
Councillor Turner
Councillor Wilkes

1139/08 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cassidy and Tweddle.

It was noted that Councillor Turner was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Tweddle.

1140/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1141/08 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

There were no items for consideration in the Private Session of the agenda.

1142/08 Street Trading Review – Stage One

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

John Beavon was in attendance at the meeting and circulated a summary of the report.

During the course of the debate it was suggested that there should be consideration in the review to the possibility of 'succession in title' to allow family members of existing licensed traders to continue to trade in the event of the licensed trader retiring. It was suggested that this might be achieved by allowing partnerships. Mr. Beavon undertook to look into this issue.

The point was also made that the roads in the Paddock and Palfrey Wards referred to on page 12 of the report appeared to have been duplicated. Mr. Beavon undertook to rectify this issue.

It was subsequently:-

Resolved

- (a) That subject to the foregoing, approval in principle be given to the following:-
 - (i) the revision of licence streets within the borough to be re-designated as consent or prohibited streets as detailed in the list attached at Appendix 1;
 - (ii) the establishment of a two tier consent system as outlined in the report;
 - (iii) the revised list of locations as designated streets for street trading or other activities as detailed in the list and plans attached at Appendix 2;
 - (iv) the process for attracting expressions of interest for children's amusement rides;
 - (v) the criteria for licensed advertisements on the highway.
- (b) That the implementation timetable detailed in paragraph 10 on page 10 of the report be approved subject to the report being submitted to Development Control Committee on 22nd April, 2008 and not 1st April, 2008;
- (c) That the report be submitted for consideration by all Local Neighbourhood Partnerships;
- (d) That the Trading Standards Manager be delegated authority to approve the appearance of street trading vehicles/units and, in the event of disputes or disagreement on the suitability of a particular unit, the matter be referred to the Licensing and Safety Committee for consideration.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Chairman

Date