

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 17th October, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Clarke (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Douglas-Maul
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Smith
Councillor Underhill
Councillor Whyte

1458/12 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Burley, Cook, Harrison and Murray.

1459/12 **Substitutions**

Councillor Underhill substituted for Councillor Burley for the duration of the meeting only.

1460/12 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th September, 2012, a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1461/12 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1462/12 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item set out in the private agenda for the reasons set out therein and section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

1463/12 **Revision of Statement of Principles**

The report of the Interim Regulatory Manager was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Principal Licensing Officer (Mr Knapper) enlarged upon the report and drew the committee's attention to the salient points.

Councillor Smith referred to the draft statement of principles contained in Appendix 2 to the report and drew attention to Section 2 headed Introductions. He stated that the West Midlands contained 7 Metropolitan Borough Councils not District Councils. Under the side heading Industry and Infrastructure on page 3, he suggested that the words "The Black Country towns of" should be deleted.

Councillor Smith referred to page 5, paragraph 2 of the document which advised that Councillors sitting on this committee should not make decisions on applications where they had been approached to make representations on behalf of an individual. He asked if this advice was correct. Mr Knapper confirmed that it was. He then referred to page 14 of the document and asked about the difference between category B and C machines. Finally, he referred to page 16 of the document and asked if the Licensing Authority had carried out any reviews. Mr Knapper replied that none had been carried out to date.

Councillor Underhill referred to Section 8 of the report regarding Travelling Fairs. Mr Knapper replied that the Licensing Authority complied with national guidelines on Travelling Fairs.

Mr Knapper informed the committee that there were over 200 pages of guidance notes on The Gambling Act 2005 so the draft Statement of Principles could not go into great detail. The LACORS template used to draw up the principles was used by Local Authorities to provide a consistent structure for the licensing of gambling premises throughout England and Wales.

Mr Knapper agreed to amend the draft statement of principles to The Gambling Act, 2005 in accordance with Members comments and it was

Resolved

That the amended revised statement of principles relating to The Gambling Act, 2005 as set out in paragraph 2 to the report be referred to Council for approval.

1464/12

Private Session

Exclusion of Public

Resolved

That, during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda the Licensing Sub-Committee considers that the item for consideration is exempt information for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 and accordingly resolves to consider that item in private.

1465/12

Police, factories, etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916: Application for a street collection permit – Walsall Lions Club

The report of the Interim Regulatory Manager was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Principal Licensing Officer (Mr Knapper) enlarged upon the report and informed the committee that Walsall Lions Club had requested a Street Collection Permit covering the Walsall Town Centre and immediate surrounding area for the period 1st to 16th December, 2012. This contravened the existing council policy of only permitting 2 individual street collections per organisation per calendar year. He asked the committee to determine whether the application by Walsall Lions Club should be granted and the Street Collection Policy varied accordingly.

Councillor Smith asked where Walsall Lions would collect. Mr Knapper replied within the Walsall Town Centre area and the club's own designated geographical area.

Councillor Anson asked if another organisation could use one of the dates between 1st and 16th December in the Town Centre if the Lions Club was not using it. Mr Knapper agreed that he would facilitate this.

After further discussion it was,

Resolved

That the committee agrees that Walsall Lions Club be issued with a Street Collection Permit for the period 1st to 16th December, 2012.

(Exempt information under Parts 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended)

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman

Date