

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1st December, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (**Chairman**)
Councillor Anson
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Wilkes
Councillor Yasin (Substitute for Councillor Mushtaq)

1311/10 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Barton, Burley, Clarke, Sarohi and Tweddle.

1312/10 **Substitution**

Councillor Yasin substituted for Councillor Mushtaq Ahmed for the duration of the meeting.

1313/10 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, 2010, a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1314/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1315/10 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

1316/10 **Rebalancing the Licensing Act, 2003**

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

(see annexed)

The Principal Licensing Officer (Mr. Knapper) enlarged upon the report and drew the Committee's attention to Paragraph 3.2 which outlined the Government's proposed amendments to the Licensing Act, 2003. He indicated that Councillor Oliver had asked for clarification on Point D of Paragraph 3.2 which stated:-

"Increase the weight Licensing Authorities will have to give to relevant representations and objection notices from the Police."

Mr. Knapper drew the Committee's attention to the views of the Local Government Group on this point contained in Paragraph 3.7 of the report and added that any changes would not be introduced until 2012 at the earliest. A six week consultation period had taken place on the proposals from 28th July to 8th September, 2010 and any further information would be reported to Committee in due course.

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

1317/10 **Private Session**

Exclusion of Public

Resolved

That, during consideration of the following item on the agenda, the Committee considers that the item for consideration is exempt information by virtue of the appropriate Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) and accordingly resolves to consider that item in private session.

Summary of item considered in private session

1318/10 **Application for a private hire vehicle licence**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.