

LICENSING AND GAMBLING COMMITTEE

HELD:5 FEBRUARY 2013

Start:6.30pm

Finish: 7.27pm

PRESENT: Councillor Owens (In the Chair)

Councillors: Cheetham Oliver
Delaney Pye
Mrs C Evans Savage
Griffiths Sudworth
Jones West
Mrs Kean Wright
Ms Melling

Officers: Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager (Mr. P. Charlson)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs S Jordan)
Principal Solicitor (Mr. L. Gardner)
Member Services/Civic Support Officer (Mrs. J. Brown)

In Attendance Police Officer
Members of public

32. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Wilkie.

33. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillors Kay and Mrs Stephenson and the appointment of Councillors Cheetham and Griffiths for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

34. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2012 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB - COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub – Committee held on 19 November 2012 were submitted.

RESOLVED: That the above Minutes be noted.

39. LICENSING ACT 2003 - EARLY MORNING RESTRICTION ORDERS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as contained on pages 207 to 218 of the Book of Reports to determine a formal request for an Early Morning Restriction Order for the Ormskirk area.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the report and responded to questions from Members of the Committee. He also asked Members to name any specific or particular organisations they wished to be included in the process should they resolve to gather preliminary evidence in respect of a proposed Early Morning Restriction Order.

Members discussed the formal request to consider or dismiss an Early Morning Restriction Order for the Ormskirk area.

Members suggested that the following organisations should be consulted in the preliminary information gathering process:-

- Residents Associations
- Edge Hill University
- Local Businesses
- Takeaway Establishments
- Pubwatch
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Responsible Authorities stated under the Licensing Act 2003
- Local Transport//Taxi Services/Transport Police
- West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership

The Committee listened to audio files received from Derby Ward Residents, which were presented by Councillor Owens as an indication of the nature of the problems experienced in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Assistant Director Community Services be instructed to gather preliminary evidence in respect of a proposed Early Morning Restriction Order for the Ormskirk area including the views of partner agencies and available alternative options for presentation to the Licensing and Gambling Committee.

(Note 1: Councillor Owens stood down as Chairman for this item, as he submitted the formal request for this item to be placed on the Agenda).

(Note 2: Councillor Sudworth was appointed Chairman for this item).

- CHAIRMAN -