

LICENSING AND GAMBLING COMMITTEE

HELD:1 APRIL 2014

Start: 6.40pm

Finish: 7.45pm

PRESENT: Councillor Owens (Chairman)

Councillors: Cropper Oliver
Delaney Owen
Gibson Savage
Griffiths Mrs Stephenson
Mrs C Evans Sudworth
Jones Wright
Ms Melling

Officers: Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager (Mr P Charlson)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs M Murray)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mr A Denton)
Principal Solicitor (Mr L Gardner)
Member Services / Civic Support Officer (Mrs J Brown)

18. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor West.

19. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

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

20. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

21. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Stephenson declared a pecuniary interest relating to Agenda Item 8, Licensing Act 2013 – Night Time Licensing Options, as her Daughter in Law is a Manager at a bar in the area and therefore left the Chamber before consideration of this item.

23. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB - COMMITTEE

There were no Minutes to receive.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2014 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. LICENSING ACT 2003 - NIGHT TIME LICENSING OPTIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as contained on pages 211 to 220 of the Book of Reports, the purpose of which was to provide Members with options and an action plan to address concerns regarding night time anti-social behaviour in the Borough, including Ormskirk Town Centre.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the report and responded to questions from Members of the Committee. He also notified the Committee that he was in receipt of a letter from Norman Baker MP - Minister for Crime Prevention, dated 25 March 2014, as contained on pages 281 to 282 of the Book of Reports in response to the letter sent by the Assistant Director Community Services with regard to Early Morning Restriction Orders

RESOLVED: A. That the following options from those stated in paragraph 4.3 of the report and the associated Action Plan at Appendix 2, be approved:-

- I. Review of the Council's Licensing Policy with no additional funding.
- II. Review of the Council's Licensing Service Web Pages.
- III. Review of Licensing Fees.
- IV. Development of initiatives with Edge Hill University – That Council be asked to endorse the resolution that initiatives be developed with Edge Hill University and the Assistant Director Community Services be authorised to approach Edge Hill University with an offer of £5k match funding for the development of these initiatives.
- V. Improved taxi facilities at Edge Hill University.
- VI. Improved liaison between the licensed trade and the community.
- VII. Cumulative Impact Policy - Following the review of the Council's Licensing Policy at I above.
- VIII. Night Time Economy Study - That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director Community Services in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Licensing & Gambling Committee to agree the Terms of Reference of the Study and that £5k be allocated for the delivery of this option.

- B. That the Assistant Director Community Services be instructed to implement the chosen options as listed above.

Note1: The Chairman varied the order of business in order that this item was heard last, to allow for members of the public to attend.

Note 2: Councillor Mrs Stephenson declared a pecuniary interest in this item and therefore left the Chamber at consideration of this item.

26. HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION - FEES UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as contained on pages 221 to 280 of the Book of Reports, the purpose of which was to approve a response to a Home Office consultation regarding reforms to the fee structure under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the report and responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the proposed consultation response attached at Appendix 2 to the report be approved for submission to the Home Office, prior to the consultation deadline of 10 April 2014.

Note: The Chairman varied the order of business in order for this item to be considered before Agenda Item 8.

- CHAIRMAN -