

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

5th June, 2015 at 10.00am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillor Piper (Vice Chair)
Councillors Bawa, Dr Crumpton, K Davies,
Frear, Goult, Preece and Tranter.

Apologies: Councillors Hadley and Lewis.

3/15 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2015, be confirmed as a correct record.

4/15 **Establishment of Licensing Panels**

The Committee considered a report indicating that under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Committee may establish one or more Licensing Sub-Committees (referred to in this Council as Panels) to assist in the discharge of the licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003. Certain functions of the Gambling Act 2005 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 were also discharged by these Panels.

The Licensing Act 2003 specified that each Sub-Committee (Panel) should consist of three members of the Licensing Committee.

Resolved:-

- (1) that four Licensing Panels be established, each comprising three members of the Licensing Committee;

- (2) that members be appointed to those Panels, and that a Chair be appointed to each Panel, as indicated below:

Panel 1

Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillors Piper and Tranter.

Panel 2

Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillors K Davies and Hadley.

Panel 3

Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillors Preece and Frear.

Panel 4

Councillor Piper (Chair);
Councillors Lewis and S Davies.

- (3) that the Director – Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, be authorised to select replacement members from the Licensing Committee as necessary to serve on Licensing Panels to ensure a quorum, should a named member not be available for a meeting or unable to consider a particular case due to a conflict of interest.

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Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Panels for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

The Committee considered the proposed Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Panels for the 2014/2015 municipal year.

It was noted that the Council, on 18th May 2010, approved role descriptions for committee and scrutiny chairs and that these role descriptions included a responsibility to report periodically to Council on the performance of their duties.

Members discussed the annual report and concluded that it included the pertinent points required to enable Council to gain an understanding of the business conducted.

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Resolved that the Annual Report of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Panels for the 2014/2015 municipal year be approved for submission to Council on 21st July, 2015.

(The meeting ended at 10.15am)

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