

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Thursday 12th June, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor D Russell (Chair)
Councillor K. Finch (Vice Chair)
Councillors D Blood, D Hemingsley, R James, C. Perks, M Roberts, A. Taylor, E. Taylor and H. Turner.

Officers:-

Mr. R. Clark (Principal Solicitor), Mrs L Rouse (Licensing Clerk) and Mrs K Taylor (Democratic Services) (All Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. COMMENTS BY CHAIR

The Chair expressed thanks to the work undertaken on Sub-Committees throughout the previous municipal year, and requested that thanks be forwarded to the Members who were no longer a Member of the Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cowell and S Etheridge.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member made a declaration of interest in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19th February, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the appointment of four Licensing Sub-Committees for the municipal year 2014/15.

Details of the proposed membership of Licensing Sub-Committees for 2014/15 were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) That four Licensing Sub-Committees be established to deal with all licensing applications requiring member determination in accordance with the functions allocated to the Licensing and Safety Committee.
- (2) That the membership of the Sub-Committees for 2014/15, as set out in the details circulated at the meeting, be as follows:-

Sub-Committee 1 –
Councillors Russell *, Blood and C. Perks

Sub-Committee 2 –
Councillors K. Finch*, S. Etheridge and James

Sub-Committee 3 –
Councillors Cowell*, A. Taylor and E. Taylor

Sub-Committee 4 –
Councillor Roberts*, Hemingsley and H. Turner

with those members whose name appears with an asterisk acting as the Chair of the respective Sub-Committee.

- (3) That the substitution arrangements set out in the Council's procedure rules be noted and applied to the Licensing Sub-Committees subject to an eligibility requirement that any named substitute must be:-
 - a) appointed to the Licensing and Safety Committee;
 - b) otherwise eligible to serve on any given occasion; and
 - c) notified to the Director of Corporate Resources prior to the commencement of the meeting in question.

6.

REVIEW OF STREET TRADING CONSENT / PROHIBITED STREETS –
MARKET STREET, STOURBRIDGE

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on an application on behalf of Ms S Newell, Himley Manager, for the revision of the consent/prohibited streets in Dudley Borough to include Market Street, Stourbridge as a consent street in respect of Street Trading.

Ms Newell, Himley Manager, was in attendance at the meeting, together with a colleague and commented on the application, in particular, that the request made was to have the existing restriction removed for one day per year to allow stalls to be set up along the Market street highway as part of the Christmas Light Switch on Festival.

Following further discussion it was,
RESOLVED

That, in the light of information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, the application on behalf of Ms S Newell, for the revision of the consent/prohibited streets in Dudley Borough to include Market Street, Stourbridge as a consent street in respect of Street Trading, be approved.

7. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING CONSENT / PROHIBITED STREETS – DUDLEY TOWN CENTRE

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on an application on behalf of Mr P Coyne, Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration, for the revision of the consent/prohibited streets in Dudley Borough to include Castle Street, New Street, Union Street and Junction of Stone Street/High Street, Dudley as consent streets in respect of Street Trading.

It was noted that Mr Coyne, Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration, had forwarded his apologies for his non-attendance at the meeting.

Reference was made to the possibility of transferring responsibility of street traders to the Directorate of Urban Environment, as some Members considered that street traders should pay similar rates paid by Market traders. Following further discussion, the Legal Advisor undertook to discuss further with the Assistant Director of Corporate Resources.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, in the light of information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, the application on behalf of Mr P Coyne, for the revision of the consent/prohibited streets in Dudley Borough to include Castle Street, New Street, Union Street and Junction of Stone Street/High Street, Dudley as consent streets in respect of Street Trading, be approved.
- (2) That the Legal Advisor be requested to discuss the possibility of transferring the responsibility for Street Traders from the Legal Department to the Directorate of Urban Environment with the Assistant Director, Corporate Resources.

The meeting ended at 6.35 p.m.