

SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, 25th October 2010 at 6 pm
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT: -

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Dunn (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, K Finch, Vickers and J Woodall

Officers: -

Principal Solicitor, Licensing Officer and Mr J Jablonski (all Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

Also in Attendance:-

Sergeant Gordon West Midlands Police

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mottram, Mrs Roberts and Taylor.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

16 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8th September 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

17 EXTENSION TO STOURBRIDGE TOWN CENTRE (ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE) ORDER 2003

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on a proposal that an Order be made making Stourbridge Town Bus Station and the Old Quarter of Stourbridge a designated public place where the consumption of alcohol would be prohibited other than within the curtilage of licensed premises.

Attached at Appendix 2 to the report submitted was a copy of a plan showing the proposed Area to be designated. The plan also showed the boundary of the Designation Order relating to Stourbridge Town Centre which adjoined the proposed area to be designated. Attached at Appendix 1 to the report submitted was a report from West Midlands Police summarising the problems with the excess consumption of alcohol and associated problems in and around Stourbridge Town Bus Station and the Old Quarter of Stourbridge.

The Licensing Officer in her presentation of the report referred to the Appendices indicated above and to the Police incident logs referred to in paragraph 5 of the report which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee had agreed to inspect prior to this meeting. She also indicated that a report on this matter would be submitted to the meeting of Stourbridge Area Committee to be held on 15th November 2010.

Arising from the presentation given the Chairman indicated that the Vice-Chairman and himself had inspected the Police incident logs prior to the meeting and both had been satisfied as to the evidence contained therein.

Sergeant Gordon was then invited to speak and confirmed the content of Appendix 1 to the report submitted in that the proposed extension would enable the Police to more effectively control the alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour in the proposed area and thereby make the area safe for the general community.

Arising from the comments made Members commented in particular on the need to ensure that Orders that had been made were enforced and in respect of this particular proposal Sergeant Gordon indicated that if approved the extension to the existing Order would be dealt with as an extension to Operation Flint that was currently in place in Stourbridge Town Centre.

Arising from the consideration given to this matter it was

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the introduction, in principle, of a Designation Order for Stourbridge Town Bus Station and the Old Quarter of Stourbridge, as shown on the plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report submitted, the effect of which if introduced, will prohibit the consumption of alcohol within the designated area other than within the curtilage of licenced premises, and that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to undertake the necessary consultations and publish a notice in a local newspaper in accordance with the procedure for the making of an Order, as outlined in the report submitted.

The meeting ended at 6.15 pm

CHAIRMAN