# LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

### <u>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 at 6.00 p.m.</u> in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Ryder (Chairman) Councillor D. Blood (Vice Chairman) Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Mrs Cowell, Ms Craigie, Mrs Dunn, J Martin, Mottram and Nottingham

#### <u>Officers</u>

Director of Law and Property, Licensing Officer and Mr. J.Jablonski (all Directorate of Law and Property).

### 1 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Coulter, J Finch, Taylor, Tomkinson and Woodall.

## 2 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

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

### 3 <u>MINUTES</u>

### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

### 4 <u>APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES</u>

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the appointment of the five Licensing Sub Committees for the municipal year 2007/08. Appendix 1 to the report submitted set out the functions allocated to the Committee, which it was proposed be delegated to the Sub-Committees. Details of the proposed membership of the Licensing Sub-Committees for 2007/08 and a schedule of the meetings of the Sub-Committees form June, 2007 to April 2008 were circulated at the meeting.

During the consideration of this item the Chairman welcomed to the meeting those members newly appointed to the Committee and those successful at the recent elections. It was also noted that training would be arranged for new members of the committee to which all members of the committee would be invited should they wish to attend.

### RESOLVED

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- 1. That five Licensing Sub-Committees, numbered 1 to 5, be established to deal with all licensing applications requiring member determination in accordance with the functions allocated to the Licensing and Safety Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted.
- 2. That the membership of the Sub-Committees for 2007/08 be as set out in the details circulated at the meeting, as follows:-

Sub Committee 1 – Councillors Ryder\*, Nottingham and Tomkinson

Sub-Committee 2 – Councillors Woodall\*, Mrs Dunn and Mottram

Sub-Committee 3 – Councillors D Blood\*, Mrs Cowell and J Finch

Sub-Committee 4 – Mrs Ameson\*, Mrs Coulter and Mrs Aston

Sub-Committee 5 – Councillors A Taylor\*, J Martin and Ms Craigie

with those members whose name appears with an asterisk acting as the chairman 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:
  - I Appointed to the Licensing and Safety Committee.
  - ii Otherwise eligible to serve on any given occasion:
  - iii Notified to the Director of Law and Property prior to the commencement of the meeting in question and that Democratic Services be responsible for arranging substitutes for Sub-Committees.

### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES – LYE HIGH STREET

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the consultations undertaken and the publishing of a notice in a local newspaper arising from the decision of the Committee at its meeting held

on 7 March 2007, to approve, in principle, the introduction of a Designation Order for Lye High Street and adjoining roads where the public consumption of alcohol would be prohibited other than within the curtilage of licensed premises.

Appendix 1 to the report submitted was a report dated 5 October 2006 from West Midlands Police summarising the problems associated with the consumption of alcohol in and around Lye High Street. The proposed area to be designated was shown at Appendix 2.

Copies of letters setting out the effect of the proposal sent to the occupier of every property within the proposed designated area and to the licensees of all licensed properties within the designated area were attached as Appendices 3 and 4. A copy of the draft Designation Order was attached at Appendix 5.

Arising from the public consultation held 11 letters or e-mails had been received to date supporting the proposed ban. Queries raised arising from that consultation had been dealt with as referred to in paragraph 5 of the report submitted.

#### RESOLVED

That the Lye High Street (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Place) Order 2007 be approved and that the Director of Law and Property be authorised to take all necessary action connected with the making of the Order as indicated in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report submitted.

The meeting at 6.10 pm

CHAIRMAN