

SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 6 pm  
in Committee Room 3, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT: -

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Dunn (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Evans, Mottram, Taylor (for part of the meeting only), Vickers and J. Woodall

Officers: -

Principal Solicitor, Licensing Officer and Mrs K Taylor (all Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Finch, and Councillor Taylor for part of the meeting only.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

12 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

13 REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the Licensing Policy following consultation with relevant authorities and parties. A copy of the Licensing Policy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report submitted.

The Licensing Policy had been the subject of consultation from May, 2010 until 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2010. In response, comments from a number of consultees had been received and were attached at Appendix 2 to the report submitted.

At this juncture, Councillor Taylor attended the meeting.

In the presentation of the content of the report, and Appendices, the Licensing Officer referred to the letters that have been sent to the responsible Authorities and

interested persons/bodies as part of the consultation undertaken on the review of Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Officer further reported that a letter had been received prior to the Committee meeting from Mr A. Rose on behalf of the Stourbridge Pubwatch Group. A copy of the letter was circulated at the meeting.

Arising from consideration of the comments made by Mr Rose, Members requested that a response letter be sent to Mr Rose to clarify any misunderstandings of the Licensing Policy and that future applications would be considered on an individual basis.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Cabinet be recommended to recommend Council that the Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted, be approved.
- (2) That the Principal Solicitor be requested to respond to Mr Rose following the comments made by Members.

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN