

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 19th February, 2014 at 5.30 p.m.
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Bills (Chair)
Councillor Russell (Vice Chair)
Councillors Mrs. Ameson, Blood, Cowell, K. Finch, Perks, Roberts,
Taylor and Woodall.

Officers:-

Ms. N. Bangar (Solicitor), Mr. M. Hanson (Licensing Enforcement Officer)
and Mr. J. Jablonski (Democratic Services) (All Directorate of Corporate
Resources).

4. **COMMENTS BY CHAIR**

The Chair referred to the successful holding of meetings of Licensing Sub-Committees throughout the current municipal year, referring in particular to the number of occasions on which substitutes had been used and the willingness of people to substitute for meetings. She requested that thanks be recorded in the minutes to all those who had been substitutes and in this respect Councillor Mrs. Ameson also expressed her thanks to Committee members who had substituted for her due to her personal circumstances.

5. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. Turner and Sykes.

6. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

7. **MINUTES**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 23rd May, 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

8. REVISION OF LICENCE FEES

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the proposed revision of fees for licences and consents, other than those where the fees are imposed by statute in respect of liquor licensing, gambling machine permits and lotteries and amusements.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to an increase of 2%, with effect from 1st April, 2014, in respect of fees for licences and consents, other than those where the fees are imposed by statute in respect of liquor licensing, gambling machine permits and lotteries and amusements, as set out in column (2) of Table A of the report submitted.

9. REVISION OF LICENCE FEES (SEX ESTABLISHMENTS/SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE)

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on a review of the fees for sex establishments/sexual entertainment venues.

The review was undertaken in the light of a court judgement, details of which were set out in Appendix 2 to the report submitted, leading to consideration of a reduction of fees, taking into account the results of the judgement.

RESOLVED

That, in the light of information contained in the report submitted and arising from a review of the current fees charged, with effect from 1st April, 2014, approval be given to a reduction in the fees set for the grant/renewal of the sex establishment/sexual entertainment venue licence from £4,043.00 to £3,034.00, so as to reflect the cost of service delivery .

The meeting ended at 5.40 p.m.

CHAIR