

SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, 5th July, 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, Evans, A. Finch, Mrs Roberts, Taylor, Vickers
and J Woodall

Officers: -

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

Also in attendance: -

PC D Smith (West Midlands Police)

6 APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor
Mottram.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

8 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 27th May, 2010,
be approved as a correct record and signed.

9 LICENSING OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS

Further to resolution 4 (2) of the last meeting of the Committee, a report of the
Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the fee to be charged for a Sex
Establishment Licence and on whether the Committee wished to decide the number
of Sex Establishments they would consider appropriate for a particular locality.

Arising from the presentation of the content of the report by the Licensing Officer
reference was made in particular to the proposed fee for a licence for a sex

establishment and to the comments made in response to a letter sent to interested parties in respect of the appropriateness of sex establishments for a particular locality.

In this connection reference was made to the comments received from the Directorate of Children's Services, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted.

PC Smith informed the Committee that in the opinion of West Midlands Police areas that would not be appropriate for sex establishments were those considered to be near to schools; child nurseries; hospitals; health centres; in predominantly residential areas ; along routes that children would take to school and near any other areas where children would congregate or attend (such as youth clubs, hospitals, parks, playing fields, religious establishments, health centres, shopping parades and public buildings).

Arising from the comments made Members commented on the issues raised and also made reference to the two lap-dancing clubs in the borough; one in Dudley and one in Stourbridge.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a fee of £3,810 be the fee to be charged for a Sex Establishment licence
- (2) That the Committee determine that:
 - (a) there shall be no more than one Sex Establishment in Dudley town centre and one in Stourbridge town centre;and
 - (b) any new applications for a Sex Establishment Licence be determined by a Licensing Sub-Committee and that the Licensing Sub-Committee consider amongst other issues the issue of proximity of sex establishments to schools, nurseries, youth clubs and religious establishments when determining an application.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN

