

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

5TH JUNE 2006 (10.30AM)

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), S J M Clee (Vice-Chairman), G W Ballinger, J-P Campion, P. Dyke, G H Eeles, Mrs P V Hayward, Mrs A T Hingley, M B Kelly, D R Sheppard.

**OBSERVERS:**

There were no members present as observers

**LIC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs R L Lewis.

**LIC.2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

No substitutes were appointed

**LIC.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Dyke declared a personal interest as he knew one of the objectors personally. He would leave the meeting when Agenda Item 12 was discussed.

Councillor Ballinger declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 as he had already expressed his views on this matter.

**LIC.4 MINUTES**

**DECISION:**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.5 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY**

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment considered regarding a draft Statement of Gambling Policy. The Gambling Act 2005 gives effect to the Government's proposals for regulationM of the

law of gambling, and the policy is in accordance with the new regulatory system to govern the provisions of all gambling in Great Britain

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:**

**the Draft Statement of Gambling Policy for the Wyre Forest District, be approved to enable consultation to commence with relevant stakeholders.**

**LIC.6 ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES**

A report was considered from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment considered regarding to the administration processes of additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences granted under the provisions of the Deregulation Plan of 2005. The Head of Planning, Health and Environment outlined this report to the Committee and explained that due to the present lack of applications for these additional vehicle licences, it was felt that it would be unnecessary for a ballot to be carried out.

**DECISION:**

**The Head of Planning, Health and Environment and the Environment Health and Licensing Manager be given authority to issue the 11 additional Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences without a ballot on a first come, first served basis, subject to eligibility.**

**LIC.7 STREET TRADING POLICY**

A report was considered from the Head Of Planning, Health and Environment relating to a draft Street Trading Policy, in the light of applications for street trading consents recently considered by this Committee.

Discussions took place regard the Policy, and members welcomed this draft Policy.

**DECISION:**

**The Committee noted the proposals for the future strategic direction for Kidderminster**

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:**

**The proposed Street Trading Policy, Information Pack and Application form be approved for consultation, prior to proposed adoption in November 2006.**

**LIC.8      EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**DECISION:**

**Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of “Exempt Information” as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

**LIC.9      SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the minutes relating to these items has been made as “exempt information” would be disclosed if the minutes were published in full.

**1. Minutes**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**2. Application To Renew A Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driving Licence**

A report was considered from the Head Of Planning, Health and Environment regarding an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driving Licence

**3. Application For The Grant Of A Street Trading Consent**

A report was considered from the Head Of Planning, Health and Environment regarding an application for the grant of a Street Trading Consent in High Street, Kidderminster.

**The meeting ended at 11.45 am.**