

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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

16TH OCTOBER 2006 (10.30AM)

PRESENT:

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

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers

LIC.31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor:
S J M Clee (Vice-Chairman).

LIC.32 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor M A Salter was appointed as a substitute for Councillor S.J.M. Clee.

LIC.33 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.34 MINUTES

DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.35 DRAFT STREET TRADING POLICY

The Committee received a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment bringing them up to date with regard to the draft Street Trading Policy for the District.

Members noted that, following consultation with the public, there were no concerns raised which required material alteration to draft one. No responses has been received from the consultation with the trade.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet

To RECOMMEND to Council:

following the recent consultation with relevant stakeholders, the Street Trading Policy for the District, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

LIC.36 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Committee received a progress report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment in relation to the District Statement of Gambling Policy.

Members were advised that this policy had to be in place by January 2007. The policy was being compiled in conjunction with other District Councils within Worcestershire. The dates for implementation of the Act had slipped until September 2007 but this would not affect the fact that the Policy needed to be in place in January 2007.

DECISION:

The progress report in relation to the Draft 2 Statement of Gambling Policy for the Wyre Forest District be noted.

LIC.37 INCREASE IN FEES AND CHARGES FOR LICENSING AND CONSUMER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 2007/2008

The Committee received a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment, which had been prepared in conjunction with the Head of Financial Services, in relation to proposed increases in the fees and charges within its Licensing, Consumer and Environmental Protection functions for 2007/2008.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: The proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Consumer and Environmental Protection functions for 2007/2008, as detailed in the report, be included in the Cabinet's 2007/2008 budget strategy.

LIC.38 WYRE FOREST TAXI LIAISON GROUP MEETING TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2006

The Committee received a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment on the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group meeting which took place on Tuesday, 26th September, 2006. Officers and Members were pleased to inform the Committee that this meeting had been very constructive.

DECISION:

the Minutes of the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group meeting held on the 26th September, 2006 be noted.

LIC.39 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of “Exempt Information” as defined in paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.40 MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.