

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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

3RD SEPTEMBER 2007 (10.30AM)

PRESENT:

Councillors: M A Salter (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), J-P Campion, P Dyke, G H Eeles, B T Glass, Mrs J Greener, P B Harrison, Mrs A T Hingley, M B Kelly, H J Martin, M Price.

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor: D R Sheppard

LIC.97 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor H J Martin was a substitute for Councillor D.R. Sheppard.

LIC.98 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor P Dyke declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 6 – Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Conditions. Councillor Dyke's brother in law is a taxi driver.

LIC.99 MINUTES

DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.100 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF THREE AMUSEMENT WITH PRIZES MACHINE PERMIT

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment relating to an application which had been received from Marstons plc for the grant of three amusement with prizes machines at the Brintons Arms, 75 Bewdley Road, Stourport on Severn, Worcs, DY13 8XX.

DECISION;

To grant a permit for the use of three amusement with prizes machines

at The Brintons Arms, 75 Bewdley Road, Stourport on Severn Worcs, DY13 8XX subject to the Council's standard conditions.

Councillor Dyke left the meeting

LIC.101 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment giving details of responses from stakeholders, following consultation on the Department of Transport's (DfT) ' Best Practice Guidance' and to recommend changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions.

Members expressed serious concerns about the consultation exercise and the issue of purpose built hackney carriage vehicles.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet

The revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions for the District of Wyre Forest, be adopted.

Councillor Dyke returned to the meeting

LIC.102 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment relating to a report on the Revised Statement of Licensing Policy (in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003) for the Wyre Forest District.

RECOMMENDED to CABINET

The Revised Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003) for the Wyre Forest District, be approved to enable consultation to commence with the relevant stakeholders.

LIC.103 REVIEW OF THE PROVISION OF SANITARY FACILITIES

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment on the proposed updated standards of provision of sanitary accommodation in premises where Wyre Forest District Council has an enforcement role.

RECOMMENDED to CABINET

Tables 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 of the British Standard Sanitary Installations BS 6465 – 1:2006 Part 1 be adopted as the Council's standard for provision of sanitary facilities in premises where the Council has an enforcement role.

RECOMMENDED to CABINET to RECOMMEND to COUNCIL

- (a) Authority to delegated to the Head of Planning, Health and Environment and Environmental Health and Licensing Manager to exercise discretion to deviate from the British Standard in small premises holding less than 20 persons when they deem it to be appropriate.**
- (b) The Scheme of Delegation to Officers contained in the Council's Constitution be amended to include the delegation at 2.2. above.**

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.