

Wyre Forest District Council

Licensing and Environmental Committee

The Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport on Severn

24th November 2008 (10.30 am)

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), A J Buckley, B T Glass, Mrs J Greener, P B Harrison, Mrs A T Hingley, M B Kelly, M Price and D R Sheppard.

Observers:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.68 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

LIC.69 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

LIC.70 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.71 Minutes

DECISION: The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.72 Wyre Forest District Draft Public Realm and Streetscene (Control of Street Furniture) Policy

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment to agree a draft Policy for public consultation.

The Principal Licensing Officer outlined the report and informed the Committee of the areas which the report covered, including the location of tables and chairs, the allowances needed to be made for pedestrian access and restrictions as regards to licensing hours.

Members thanked the Principal Licensing Officer for the clarity of his presentation of the report and raised issues relating to types of barriers, outside heaters and possible control over smoking. The Principal Licensing Officer dealt with these issues and assured Members that such items would be covered in the Policy.

DECISION: Public consultation be carried out on the Wyre Forest District Draft Public Realm and Streetscene (Control of Street Furniture) Policy and then be reported back to this Committee.

LIC.73 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 paragraphs 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.74 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.

LIC.75 Minutes

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

LIC.76 Application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment and determined the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence.

The meeting ended at 11.17am.