

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

MONDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY 2013 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: P B Harrison (Chairman), A T Hingley (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, C Brewer, P Dyke, J Greener, P V Hayward, V Higgs, M B Kelly, N Knowles, M Price, M A Salter, D R Sheppard and G C Yarranton.

Observers

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N J Thomas.

LIC.44 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

LIC.45 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.46 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.47 Increase in Fees and Charges for Licensing the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2013/2014

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council which informed Members of the proposed increases in the fees and charges in respect of the Council's Regulatory Service Function for 2013/2014.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report and advised the Council's current financial strategy in relation to fees and charges were to increase them in line with inflation or slightly above. The Council were not projected to make any profit from the income generated by the proposed licence fees and charges, any surplus or deficit would be accounted for in line with the current policy.

In response to a Members' question regarding the lack of figures on page 15 of the report relating to Casinos, the Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) informed

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Members that when the Gambling Act 2005 was introduced, the Council resolved not to have a Casino within the District, therefore the fees were not applicable to the Council.

Upon a show of hands the decision was carried.

Decision:

Recommend to Council: The proposals for fees and charges within the Council's Licensing, Food, Health, Safety and Pollution Control functions for 2013/2014, as detailed in the report to the Licensing and Environmental Committee, be included in the 2013/2014 budget strategy.

LIC.48 Feedback from Council

Agreed: The content of the Council action list, following consideration of the recommendation at its meeting on 21st November 2012 be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.49am.