

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

8TH DECEMBER 2014 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: P B Harrison (Chairman), G C Yarranton (Vice-Chairman), J Aston, G W Ballinger, R Bishop, A R Clent, P Dyke, J A Hart, P V Hayward, V Higgs, J Holden, M B Kelly, N Knowles, M Price and D R Sheppard.

Observers:

Councillor J A Shaw.

LIC.13 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

LIC.14 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

LIC.15 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.16 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.17 Review of Standard Licence Conditions Applicable to Animal Welfare Licences

The Committee received a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council on the review of standard licence conditions applicable to Animal Welfare Licences.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) led Members through the report and advised that a review of the standard conditions had been undertaken by Officers to ensure the Council issued licences in accordance with the most up to date guidance and best practice.

Members discussed the draft standards and were informed that to ensure consistency of standards across Worcestershire, the review was being undertaken by (WRS) on behalf of all District Councils across the County.

Agreed:

- 1. The draft standard conditions attached at Appendices 1 to 9 to be attached to future licences issued by the Council under relevant legislation be approved.**
- 2. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to amend these standard conditions as appropriate in the circumstances of an individual case by altering, omitting or adding conditions as recommended by a veterinary practitioner or veterinary surgeon appointed in accordance with the relevant legislation to inspect the premises subject to the licence application.**

LIC.18 Licensing Act 2003 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee received a report from the Director of (WRS) on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council on a draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) led Members through the report and advised that following approval by the Committee in August 2014, a consultation with all relevant parties on the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy was undertaken for a period of 12 weeks.

Members were reminded the policy had been completely redrafted and was based on a template provided by the Local Government Association. It was intended for all of the licensing authorities in Worcestershire to adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy based on this template.

Agreed: To recommend to Council that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy attached at Appendix 1 be approved and published with effect from 11th December 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11.16am.