

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

15TH JUNE 2015 (10.30AM)

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**Present:**

Councillors: J A Hart (Chairman), J Baker (Vice-Chairman), R Bishop, S J M Clee, J Greener, N Knowles, F M Oborski MBE, C Rogers and J D Smith.

**Observers:**

There were no members present as observers.

**LIC.1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Aston and G C Yarranton.

**LIC.2 Appointment of Substitutes**

Councillor S J M Clee was appointed as a substitute for Councillor G C Yarranton.

**LIC.3 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**LIC.4 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.5 Application to Licence Pedicabs (Pedal Cycle Rickshaws) as Hackney Carriages in Wyre Forest**

The Committee were advised that the applicant had been invited to the meeting, however was not in attendance.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10.37am to enable the Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) to contact the applicant. The meeting resumed at 10.44am, and Members were advised that the applicant was unwell and would not be present at the meeting.

Members agreed to defer the item to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee, as they had several questions they wanted to ask the applicant and felt it would be beneficial to inspect a pedicab.

**Agreed: The agenda item be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee.**

**LIC.6 Consultation on the Review of the Gambling Act 2005 Revised Statement of Principles**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked Members to approve the revised Gambling Statement of Principles 2016-19 for the purpose of consultation with relevant parties, as part of the statutory three year review in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner (WRS) led Members through the report and advised that the Council's current Statement of Principles took effect on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013, and a new Statement of Principles had to be prepared and published ready to take effect on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

Members were advised that the consultation would take place over an eight week period with relevant parties which included all Parish and Town Councils within the District.

**Decision: The revised Gambling Statement of Principles as attached at Appendix 1 of the report to the Licensing and Environmental Committee, be approved for the purpose of consultation with relevant parties.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.55am.