

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

Meeting held 27 August 2015

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Nikki Bond, George Lindars-Hammond, Roy Munn, Josie Paszek, Denise Reaney, Geoff Smith and Cliff Woodcraft

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Neale Gibson and Vickie Priestley.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 The minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 19th, 23rd, 24th and 30th March; 9th, 13th, 21st and 28th April; 11th, 12th and 20th May; and 2nd, 9th, 16th, 22nd and 23rd June, 2015, were approved as correct records. In response to comments made by Councillor Nikki Bond indicating that a member of the public had raised an issue with Chief Licensing Officer regarding the content of the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 30th June, 2015, these minutes were withdrawn for future consideration after the matter had been resolved.

5. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY) APPROVAL REPORT

5.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report informing Members of the results of the consultation process which had recently been undertaken on the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy), notifying them of the changes that had been recommended and seeking approval on the revised Statement, which was attached at Appendix "B" to the report.

5.2 Steve Lonnia, Chief Licensing Officer, stated that during the consultation period, eight consultees had responded requesting amendments or proposed additions to the Policy and these were attached at Appendix "A" to the report.

5.3 In response to questions from Members of the Committee, Steve Lonnia stated that it was a requirement of the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and

Codes of Practice that licensees must review and update as necessary, their local risk assessments, particularly in “areas nearing stress”, and that such assessments be submitted to Licensing Authorities so that they can determine that the proposed location would not be harmful to the licensing objectives.

5.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted, together with the comments now made; and
- (b) approves the revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy) and refers the matter to Full Council for approval.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY APPROVAL REPORT

6.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report informing Members of the results of the consultation process which had recently been undertaken on the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy. An overview of the responses received was attached at Appendix “A” and the revised draft Policy was attached at Appendix “B” to the report.

6.2 Claire Bower, Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer, gave a brief outline of what the Policy deals with and what it aimed to deliver.

6.3 Members of the Committee made a number of comments and referred to West Street, Devonshire Street and Division Street as being “areas nearing levels of stress in Sheffield” due to the number of off-licences and related problems with street drinking and public nuisance in the area and requested that 18 months from the date of approval of the Policy, a formal review be carried out in that area and any other areas nearing stress levels. Members also agreed that it would be useful to have examples of conditions which may be imposed under the Policy to promote the four licensing objectives, being made available to them at Licensing Sub-Committee hearings.

6.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted, together with the comments now made; and
- (b) subject to the amendment now made regarding a formal review of areas nearing stress after 18 months, refers the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy to a meeting of Full Council for approval.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 RESOLVED: That (a) the next informal meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 3rd September, 2015 and (b) the next Committee meeting be held on Thursday, 17th September, 2015, both at 10.00 a.m. in the Town Hall.