5. Licensing Quarterly Update

1.0   Matter for consideration

1.1   The Committee to consider the quarterly update for the period June-August 2006. The report updates the Committee on licences applied for, dealt with and appealed.

2.0   Recommendation(s)

2.1   To note the update on licences considered, dealt with and appealed.

3.0   Information

3.1   The Licensing Committee has as a key responsibility, the requirement to be informed as to overall details of licences issued and other statistics on licensing.

3.2   In the period June to August 2006, the Licensing Section has dealt with a total of 41 applications for new premises licences, 20 variation applications, 86 transfers of premises licences, 114 variations of designated premises supervisors and 38 temporary event notices as well as 156 personal licence applications.

3.3   In the same period, the Council has scheduled a total of 42 hearings, of which 34 were cancelled due to mediation.

3.4   Two appeals have been finalised. After a review hearing, a licensing panel determined to revoke a premises licence. The District Judge did not uphold this decision, however, he did determine that a four-week suspension of the licence was justified. A copy of the District Judge's decision is attached at Appendix 5a. The second appeal was brought by the police against the grant of a personal licence. The Court upheld the appeal as they were of the opinion that exceptional grounds for granting the licence had not been established by the applicant.

3.5   To date the licensing section has issued 2216 personal licences and 1794 premises licences (1600 authorising the sale of alcohol, 152 not authorising alcohol, 42 club premises certificates)

4.0   Financial considerations

4.1   None

5.0   Legal considerations

5.1   None

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 5a- Appeal Decision- Funny Boyz

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

None

Glossary:

None