

MINUTES OF LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2014

Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

G Coleman	Doherty	Mrs Jackson	Ryan
Cox	Green	M Mitchell	Smith
Mrs Delves	Hunter	O'Hara	Mrs Taylor

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

Sharon Davies, Head of Licensing Service

Mark Marshall, Licensing Health and Safety Enforcement Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2014

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 NIGHT TIME ECONOMY WORKING GROUP INTERIM REPORT

The Committee considered the interim report of the Night Time Economy Working Group.

It noted as outlined in the report the Working Group had not been able to report back fully within the previously agreed timescales so had submitted an interim report and it was the intention now to issue the final report in February.

The Committee held a discussion on the key issues identified and agreed to further explore them when the final report was issued.

Resolved:

To note the contents of the interim report of the Night Time Economy Working Group.

4 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered a draft statement of Licensing Policy.

Mrs Davies introduced the draft policy and explained that the draft policy had been developed taking into account good practice from other local authorities. Key proposed changes included the highlighting of good practice, the introduction of a framework of

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hours, the extension of the town centre saturation area to cover take aways and a confirmation that the saturation policy will only be overridden in exceptional circumstances.

The Committee noted that the policy had a number of requirements for statutory consultation and also agreed that in line with the Secretary of State's guidance as wide a consultation as possible should take place.

Resolved:

To approve the content of the draft policy for consultation and authorise a 12 week consultation period on the draft policy.

Chairman

(The meeting 10.35am)

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