

# MINUTES

meeting: **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

date: **13 MARCH 2013**

## **PRESENT:-**

Councillors Angus, Banger, Bolshaw, Clarke, Claymore, Collingswood, Inston, Jaspal, Mrs Patten, N A Patten and Judith Rowley

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of the Chair, Councillor Dass

## **IN ATTENDANCE:-**

R Edge	-	Section Leader (Licensing)
S Hardwick	-	Senior Solicitor
A Jervis	-	Head of Regulatory Services
D O'Brien	-	Section Leader (Environmental Health, Commercial)
C Parr	-	Licensing Manager
Sergeant A Reeves	-	West Midlands Police
L Banbury	-	Democratic Support Officer

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In the absence of Councillor Dass (Chair), Councillor Claymore (Vice-Chair) assumed the Chair for the meeting

**Declarations of Interest**

50. No interests were declared.

**Minutes**

51. Resolved:-  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013 be approved as a correct record.

**Application for a New Premises Licence – Natalka, 18-19 Bargate Drive, Wolverhampton**

52. Pursuant to minute 27 of the meeting on 13 February 2013, the Licensing Manager advised that mediation had taken place and the applicant had agreed to a revised condition stipulating that there shall be no single sales of premium lager or cider; this negated the need for a full Court hearing.

**Review of Premises Licence – Empire Suite, Ward Street, Wolverhampton**

53. Pursuant to minute 28 of the meeting on 13 February 2013, the Licensing Manager advised that a further visit was to be made to the Premises in the near future in regard to some of the safety issues considered at the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

**Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 20)**

The Democratic Support Officer submitted a report, which set out a schedule of outstanding minutes together with details of when it was expected that reports on individual items would be presented for consideration.

54. Resolved:-  
That the report be received.

**Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Cumulative Impact Policy (Appendix 21)**

The Section Leader (Licensing) presented a report, which provided information on the findings of the third annual review of the Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP), adopted on 4 November 2009.

Sergeant Reeves believed that the CIP had had a positive effect on the standard of premises licence applications received, due to the provision of a rebuttable presumption to refuse. He added that there were some issues in regard to premises in other areas of the City, both in relation to

the day and night time economies and that consideration could perhaps be given in the future to measures in these areas.

55. Resolved:-

That the findings of the third annual review of the Cumulative Impact Policy be received.

**Health and Safety Statutory Plan (Appendix 22)**

The Section Leader, Environmental Health (Commercial) presented a report, which sought endorsement of the twelfth annual Health and Safety Statutory Plan and detailed how the implementation of the Plan provided a framework for compliance with statutory guidance.

The Committee were advised that the change of emphasis on risk based intervention would not result in a reduction in protection and that alternative interventions were in place. As detailed at paragraph 2.9 of the report, the Committee were assured that there would be no reduction the number of inspections, only that health and safety checks undertaken at the same time as food hygiene inspections would no longer be formally recorded as full inspections.

56. Resolved:-

(a) That the status of the Health and Safety Statutory Service Plan, in light of guidance issued under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, be acknowledged.

(b) That the draft Health and Safety Statutory Service Plan for 2013/14 be endorsed, together with the Council's continued commitment and participation in the development of the Health and Safety Executive's Strategic Partnership.

(c) That the Licensing Committee makes a formal commitment to improving health and safety outcomes and to 'sensible risk management', as outlined at paragraph 2.9 of the report.