

Licensing CommitteeMinutes – 29 January 2014

Attendance

Members of the Committee

Cllr Bishan Dass (chair)
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Craig Collingswood
Cllr Neville Patten
Cllr Rita Potter

Cllr Harman Banger Cllr Ian Claymore Cllr Keith Inston Cllr Patricia Patten

Employees

Sarah Hardwick Senior Solicitor (Delivery)
Andy Jervis Head of Regulatory Services
Elaine Moreton Section Leader (Licensing)

Colin Parr Licensing Manager (Education and Enterprise)

Linda Banbury Democratic Support Officer (Delivery)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item Title Action

No.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Susan Constable, Mark Evans and John Rowley .

2. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

Resolved:

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2013 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 12 and 18 December 2013 and 15

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January 2014 be approved as a correct record and adopted.

4. Matters arising

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Pursuant to minute 5, the Licensing Manager advised that the Private Hire Vehicle Operator had exercised his right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court and that the matter was due to be heard on 7 February 2014.

5. Schedule of outstanding minutes

A report was presented, which set out a schedule of outstanding minutes, together with an indication of when individual reports would be submitted for consideration.

Resolved:

That the report be received.

Linda Banbury

DECISION ITEMS

6. City centre street trading review

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which detailed the findings of a data gathering exercise and subsequent consultation on proposals relating to the city centre trading function. The report sought endorsement to a number of street trading policy revisions.

Responding to a concern raised regarding the need to promote healthy options, the Head of Regulatory Services advised that proposals were being considered, in consultation with Public Health, for work to be undertaken with traders with a view to providing healthy food.

The Licensing Manager advised that it was envisaged that the street traders would be subject to council guidelines similar to those in place for taxi drivers and operators.

It was suggested that the stalls should display a council logo.

Concern was expressed regarding the continued presence of illegal street traders in Dudley Street, such as those selling children's balloons and bubble machines.

Resolved:

That the following policy revisions to the city centre street trading function be approved:

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- A net increase of one additional unit in the city centre, but replace repetitive trade lines with a more diverse offer.
- Remove existing unit conditions to ensure units are of a higher quality.
- Use licensing controls to ensure that the offer from each trader is of an appropriate quality; branded packaging, staff presentation, display of goods, etc.
- A reduction in the total number of traders in Dudley Street.
- Concentrate traders in high footfall areas.
- Commence the statutory process to designate the city centre as a licensed rather than a consented street trading area; this would allow traders a three year licence with a right to appeal any failure to offer renewal and provide traders with more security to invest in their businesses.

- Casino licence stage two storage protocol

(In accordance with Section 100b(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the chair admitted this item as an urgent matter.

Colin Parr advised that Friday 31 January 2014 was the deadline for submission of applications and that it was planned for a report to be presented to Committee in June to award the licence. He sought approval of a delegation to the Strategic Director for Delivery in regard to the employee handling of documentation. Resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Delivery in regard to the employee and Evaluation Panel member handling of documentation for stage two of the small casino licence application procedure, in accordance with the storage protocol approved by the Licensing Committee on 31 July 2013.

Part 2 – exempt items Nil