



Licensing Committee

Minutes – 18 December 2013

Attendance

Members of the Committee

Cllr Bishan Dass (chair)
Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Craig Collingswood
Cllr Keith Inston
Cllr Rita Potter

Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Ian Claymore
Cllr Mark Evans
Cllr Neville Patten
Cllr John Rowley

Employees

Sarah Hardwick	Senior Solicitor (Delivery)
Ros Jervis	Director of Public Health
Colin Parr	Licensing Manager (Education and Enterprise)
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer (Delivery)

Other Attendees

Inspector P Rogers	West Midlands Police
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Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No.	Title	Action
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BUSINESS ITEMS

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| 1. | Apologies for absence
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Cllr Patricia Patten. | - |
| 2. | Declarations of interest
No interests were declared. | - |
| 3. | Minutes
Resolved:
(a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013 be approved as a correct record.

(b) That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 2, 7, 21 and 27 (x 2) November | - |

2013 be approved as a correct record and adopted.

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4. **Matters arising**

Proposed revisions to hackney carriage and private hire criteria – Pursuant to resolution 7(d) of the Committee meeting on 20 November 2013, Colin Parr advised that meetings would be held with the hackney carriage and private hire trades in January at which the implementation of the proposed drug policy would be discussed. Revenue funding would be utilised to purchase the equipment and the draft policy would be considered by the Licensing Committee in April.

Colin Parr/
Linda
Banbury

Licensing Act 2013 – Expedited review of Premises Licence (Edda Lounge) – Pursuant to the hearing held on 2 November 2013, Colin Parr advised that the Premises Licence had been surrendered and would cease to exist unless a register of interest was made. The full review hearing had been provisionally arranged for 15 January 2013.

Rob Edge/
Linda
Banbury

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.

Linda
Banbury

Resolved:

That the report be received.

DECISION ITEMS

6. **Update on Wolverhampton Alcohol Strategy 2011-2015**

A report was presented which provided an update in relation to the implementation of the Strategy, with a particular focus on Goal 3 (Combating alcohol related crime and disorder, and increasing community safety due to alcohol abuse). The report also outlined the new reporting systems agreed by the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board and advised that the Wolverhampton Alcohol Strategy was now the key implementation plan for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority for drugs and alcohol.

Responding to questions, Inspector Phil Rogers and Ros Jervis advised the Committee that:

- the Police were now working closely with the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO) and were hopeful of their presence in the City

- centre on critical nights up to Christmas;
- the use of Lapel CAMs by Police Officers was currently being trialled in Wolverhampton for evidential purposes;
- with regard to A & E incident locations, consultation was taking place with the Accident and Emergency Department at New Cross Hospital regarding the commencement of a 'Patient First' system to assist in capturing accurate information. It was acknowledged that such information only provided partial information in relation to the bigger picture, and
- the next six monthly report would include a breakdown of age, gender and ethnicity.

Resolved:

Ros Jervis

That the report be received and that a further update be presented in six months.

7. Feedback from Night-time Economy Visit

Colin Parr

Colin Parr advised that five Members of the Licensing Committee and one Cabinet Member had participated in the recent visit to the night-time economy in the City Centre, which was undertaken when the 'Keep it Safe' campaign was in operation and Taxi Marshalls were present. The tour included the Safe Haven, located at the Epic Youth Café and four licensed premises (FACES, The Prince Albert, Pop World and Yates).

Colin Parr undertook to relay the comments regarding the unclean and littered state of the frontage to the FACES building to Environmental Health and the premises. With regard to the enforcement visit to the Wheatsheaf in Market Street, it was noted that the premises would be discussed at the Responsible Authorities Forum the following week.

Part 2 – exempt items

Nil