MINUTES OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
17 MARCH 2015

PRESENT:

Councillors Miss Lawrence (Chairman), Mrs A’Barrow (substitute for Councillor
M Francis), Mrs Avis, Birkett, Cade, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Hazelton, Ms Robbins
(substitute for Councillor Mrs Parker), H Roberts, Mrs Roodhouse and Srivastava

34. MINUTES

The minutes of the:

Licensing and Safety Committee held on 27 January 2015 were approved and
signed by the Chairman;

Licensing Sub-Committee (General) held on 13 February 2015 were approved
and signed by the Chairman; and

Licensing Sub-Committee (General) held on 2 March 2015 were approved and
signed by the Chairman.

35. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors
H Avis, Dodd, M Francis, Mrs Parker and Williams.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

37. LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services
(Part 1 - agenda item 4) concerning the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.

Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 places a duty on the Council to publish a
statement of its Licensing Policy at least every five years and during this period
the policy must be kept under review. The Council’s original policy was first
published in January 2005 and reviewed and published again in 2008 and
2011. Following this the period local authorities were required to review their
policies was extended from three to five years and the current policy period was
extended until 6 January 2016.

The Committee reviewed the draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the period
2016-2021 section by section. The following points were raised for further
discussion or clarification:

Members raised concerns that the specific duties the Council has under
Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 were not included.
The Licensing Officer reported that paragraph 8.7 was designed to emphasise the Council’s duties for crime and disorder across the Borough and paragraph 8.3 was a mechanism for how to carry this out.

- Officers were requested to review and expand on paragraph 8.7 and check if this could be linked to paragraph 8.3.

- Paragraph 8.9 refers to a zero tolerance of drug use in licensed premises. Members commented that while it was understood this meant mainly illegal drugs it was agreed officers should refer this point back to the other authorities that were involved in the preparation of the document and review the wording.

- The wording of paragraph 8.28 should be changed to include child sexual exploitation (CSE).

Officers reported that the Licensing Act 2003 cannot be used to deal with matters covered by other legislation such as CSE. New initiatives to tackle CSE were at a very early stage and it was not yet clear how they could be linked. An initial meeting with other authorities has been held but further meetings were required before more detailed advice could be given.

RESOLVED THAT –

1. the draft Licensing Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 be approved for consultation subject to the points minuted above; and

2. a further report be submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2015 incorporating the details of any responses to the consultation and prior to submission to Council.

38. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT- under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

39. REVIEW OF A DUAL DRIVER’S LICENCE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services (Part 2 - agenda item 1) concerning the review of a Dual Driver’s Licence.

The driver was present and addressed the committee.

RESOLVED THAT – the Head of Environmental Services write to the driver warning them about their future conduct.
40. **GRANT OF A DUAL DRIVER’S LICENCE**

   The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services (Part 2 - agenda item 2) concerning the grant of a Dual Driver’s Licence.

   The applicant was present and addressed the committee.

   A copy of the applicant’s enhanced DBS certificate was circulated to the committee.

   Questionnaires completed by the applicant’s referees were also circulated to the committee.

   **RESOLVED THAT** – the application for a Dual Driver’s Licence be approved.

41. **VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN**

   **RESOLVED THAT** – the Committee places on record its appreciation of the work undertaken by Councillor Miss Lawrence in her capacity as Chairman of the Committee for the 2014/15 municipal year.

   **CHAIRMAN**