

MINUTES of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chairman)

Councillors R Adams, A Bridges, J Cotterill, J G Coxon, D Everitt, J Geary, C Large, L Massey, T Neilson, V Richichi, J Ruff, M Specht and M B Wyatt.

In attendance: Councillor J Bridges and Councillor A V Smith (MBE)

Officers: Mr D Gill, Mr L Mansfield and Mrs R Wallace.

**34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Allman, P Hyde and G Jones.

**35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**36. MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2013.

It was moved by Councillor J Geary and seconded by Councillor R Adams.

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**37. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor T Neilson and seconded by Councillor J G Coxon.

RESOLVED THAT:

- a) The progress of the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy be noted.
- b) The timeline of the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy be approved.

Before the Chairman moved onto the next item on the agenda, Councillor A V Smith, as Portfolio Holder, was invited to address the Committee.

Councillor A V Smith reminded Members of the invitation to view the night time economy of Ashby de la Zouch with the Police which had been offered to the Committee. The visits were on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September between 10pm and 1am. She urged Members to attend as it was very important to witness the town in the evening in

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relation to the Statement of Licensing Policy which would be considered by the Committee in November.

### **38. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY**

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Environmental Health Team Manager assured Members that there was no intention to water down the street trading around schools. The Legal Advisor explained that it was the intention of the policy to give the Authority more control because instead of the specific street trading zones, out of which people could still trade unlicensed, the policy would include the entire district.

Councillor M B Wyatt explained that he was pleased with the policy as there had been issues in his ward with street traders.

Councillor J Geary stated that the policy was introduced partly due to food vendors trading around schools. He referred Members to the report in which it stated that the policy was to provide diversity and consumer choice but by not allowing people to trade around schools the authority was stopping the children from having a choice. The Environmental Health Team Manager explained that one of the aims of the policy was to improve public health and if an application was made under the new policy with that in mind it would be approved. Councillor M B Wyatt explained that from his experience it was not the kind of food that was sold that was an issue but the associated behaviour of the school children, for example litter and noise.

In response to a question from Councillor J Geary, the Environmental Health Team Manager explained that the policy would be enforced in the usual way of receiving warnings and then being taking Court proceedings.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor R Adams and seconded by Councillor D Everitt.

RESOLVED THAT:

- a) The progress of the Draft Street Trading Policy be noted.
- b) The timeline for the implementation of the final Street Trading Policy be approved.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 7.03pm.

Chairman's signature