

Minutes of Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 18 March 2014 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor J Holgate (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	S Knox
P Dowson	C Ross
R Hargreaves	G Scott
K Hind	R Swarbrick
S Hirst	

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Solicitor.

638 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Alcock, I Brown, S Brunskill and M Thomas.

639 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

640 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

The minutes of the Sub-Committee hearing held on 27 February 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

641 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

642 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

643 ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES – SEX ESTABLISHMENTS AND SCRAP METAL

The Chief Executive submitted a report asking Committee to determine the annual fees and charges for scrap metal dealers and sex establishment licences. Committee were reminded that they had considered a report with regard to the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 on 17 September 2013 and had approved the fees when this Act had come into force on 1 October 2013. These had been set in line with Home Office guidance. To date there had only been seven applications for scrap metal licences and little had changed in the interim period time the fees were set. There was therefore no new information on which to recommend that the fees should change for those set on 17 September 2013.

With regard to sex establishments, Committee had considered a report in September 2011 and had approved a set of fees. To date, there had been no

applications to licence a sex establishment within the area and there was therefore no information to suggest that the fees should change from those set at this time.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. agree to set the fees for scrap metal dealers with effect from 1 April 2014 as those agreed in September 2013 namely:
Application/renewal of site licence - £277;
Variation of site licence - £180;
Application/renewal of collections licence - £200;
Variation of mobile collectors licence - £160; and
2. agree to set the fees for sex establishments with effect from 1 February 2014 as those agreed in September 2011 namely:
Grant of sex shop - £3,000
Grant of sex cinema - £3,000
Grant of sexual entertainment venue licence - £5,000
Venue licence renewal of sexual entertainment venue licence - £2,500
Transfer of sexual entertainment venue licence - £500
Variation of sexual entertainment venue licence - £500

644 SMOKING OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR OTHER VAPOUR PRODUCING SMOKING DEVICES IN PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

The Chief Executive submitted a report seeking Committee's views upon the smoking of electronic cigarettes or other vapour producing smoking devices within private hire and hackney carriage vehicles. The Council's standard conditions for private and hackney carriage drivers provide that drivers must not smoke in the vehicle or permit any passenger to smoke in the vehicle. A recent enquiry from a licence holder had asked if this extends to electronic cigarettes or any other form of vapour producing smoking device. The statutory definition of smoking does not include electronic cigarettes and other forms of vapour producing smoking devices, however Committee were asked to consider whether to amend the standard conditions to make it clear that these were also prohibited.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. agree to amend the standard conditions for private hire and hackney carriage vehicles to state that the smoking of electronic cigarettes or other vapour producing smoking devices be prohibited within private hire and hackney carriage vehicles; and
2. authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to draft a proposed amendment to the standard conditions, consult with the licence holders upon the amendment and report back to Committee in due course for confirmation.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).