



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2015 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Cank (Vice-Chair in the Chair)

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Sangster

Councillor Fonseca
Councillor Singh Johal

Councillor Westley

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19. CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

In accordance with Rule 41a of Part 4A of the Council Procedure Rules Councillor Cank took the Chair in Councillor Thomas' absence.

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byrne, Hunter and Thomas.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda. No such declarations were received.

25. REVIEW OF THE LICENSING ACT POLICY

The Director of Local Services and Enforcement submitted a report requesting Members to comment upon the proposed policy and special policy on cumulative impact to assist Council when setting the policy for 2016-2021.

The Committee were previously asked to comment upon the policy in August 2015, and requested to see the comments received as part of the public consultation. These comments were appended to the report together with officers' responses.

The main changes to the Licensing Policy were:-

Paragraph 7.8 - The licensing authority recommends that proper incident recording systems are in place.

Paragraph 7.13 - Recognises that it may be appropriate to carry out a risk assessment where events promoted by a third party or which are not part of the usual business of the premises are to take place.

Paragraph 7.14 – Sets out the steps that the licensing authority would expect to be taken to prevent crowd disorder at boxing events.

Paragraph 9.1 – The licensing authority recommends that off-licences in areas associated with problem street drinking take certain steps to prevent problems occurring.

Paragraph 10.6 – The licensing authority recommends that a risk assessment is undertaken and the police are informed about events aimed at children in premises which normally sell alcohol.

It was also suggested that the Policy should have a Foreword which would provide an opportunity to set out the Council's views on issues that would not normally be included in the policy, such as a vision, aspirations or a desired direction of travel for licensed premises in the City. The foreword would need to contain a clear statement that it did not form part of the licensing policy in order to prevent it being used as the basis for a potential challenge to a decision which had been taken in accordance with the licensing policy and the licensing objectives.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Council be informed that the Committee supports the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and recommends it be adopted.
- 2) That the Committee supports the inclusion of a Foreword to set the vision, aspirations or a desired direction of travel for licensed premises in the City provided it contains a clear statement that it does not form part of the licensing policy to prevent it being used as the basis for a potential challenge.