

**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALCOHOL & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2013**

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road,
West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors D J Mason (Chairman), R A Adair, R L Butler, T Combellack, G Davidson, I I Korn, G R Mallender, E A Plant, S J Robinson, P Smith, J A Stockwood and H Tipton

OFFICERS PRESENT:

B Adams	Neighbourhood Manager
D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
D Collings	Senior Licensing Officer
A Goodman	Member Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors G S Moore, B Tansley and T Vennett-Smith

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 were accepted as a true record.

Live Music Act – The Neighbourhood Manager reported that there had been no increase in incidents of noise nuisance as a result of the introduction of the Live Music Act. Environmental health officers continued to work with licensing officers and licensees to resolve issues without the need to use formal powers.

Licensing Training – A reminder had been sent to all Members and positive feedback had been received from Councillors who had attended the events.

3. Statement of Licensing Policy

The Senior Licensing Officer reminded Members that the current legislation required the Council to review its Statement of Licensing Policy every three years and the current review must be completed by 7 January 2014. At the previous meeting of the Committee on 15 May 2013, Members had considered the draft licensing policy before a twelve week consultation exercise, from 24 June 2013 to 16 September 2013 was undertaken.

Since the Council took over responsibility for liquor licensing from the Magistrates Courts in 2005, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy had been reviewed every three years. However, as a result of changes in legislation the review period has been extended to five years, unless other policy revisions were required. Therefore once the current review of the policy had been completed and published, it would remain valid until January 2019.

Under section 5(3) the Licensing Authority, were required to consult with the following statutory consultees; the chief officer of police, the fire authority, representatives of holders of premises licences, club premises certificates and personal licences, and any such other persons the Licensing Authority considered to be representative of businesses and residents in its area.

In addition to the statutory consultees outlined above, the consultation exercise was extended in line with the recommendations contained within the statutory guidance, to include additional organisations, whose opinion it was felt appropriate to seek. The general public were also given the opportunity to comment, as the amended policy was placed on the Council's website for the duration of the consultation period, with the opportunity to submit comments electronically.

Members were informed that the Council had received no comments as a result of the consultation. In addition, none of the other Members of the Nottinghamshire Authorities Licensing Group had received any comments, suggesting that the Policy has been successful in achieving its aim to provide an effective framework for the administration of the Act. Therefore the final amended version of the Policy would be presented for approval at Council on 12 December 2013 and be published by 7 January 2014.

It was AGREED that the final amended Statement of Licensing Policy be presented to Council on for approval 12 December 2013.

4. Licensing Update

In respect of actions from previous meetings, the Senior Licensing Officer reported that there had been very few incidents of trouble attributed to premises in West Bridgford,

Currently the Government were considering whether there was still a requirement for people working in the license trade to hold a personal license and therefore obtain a criminal records certificate. However this idea had been met with some scepticism as it was felt checks and balances need to be in place and that staff would not always voluntarily declare any convictions they had.

The Senior Licensing Officer reported that the introduction of locally set licensing fees, that was originally planned for April 2013 and had subsequently been rescheduled for October 2013 had now been delayed until next year.

Members were informed that under the new legislation all scrap metal collectors must hold a license for each borough that they collect in and this must be displayed on their vehicle. To further assist the public in identifying

legitimate traders, they would be required to carry photo identification and the reverse of each permit would contain a map of the area it was valid for. Collectors would need to have a bank account as they were no longer able to receive payment by cash when trading in scrap metal. Also under the new legislation collectors would be required to record the details of the person they received the goods from. It was hoped that the new measures would help reduce incidents of theft as it would be more difficult to dispose of stolen goods.

The Council would keep a record of all applications and would share the details of any that were refused with other local authorities. Any appeals against the refusal of the grant of a license would be heard by the Council's Licensing Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Action Sheet
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Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	None	
3 Statement of Licensing Policy	None	