

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 10:00AM
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)
Johnson, T.B. (Vice-Chairman)

Grocott, M.R. Todd, Mrs. D.M.
Sutherland, M. Witton, P.T.

For the purposes of agenda items 4 and 5, the Committee was constituted in its capacity as the Licensing Committee under its responsibilities set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

7. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F.W.C. Allen, C.H. Anslow, B. Hardman and P.A. Snape.

8. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

9. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 30 June, 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed.

10. The Institute of Licensing (IoL) Consultation: Guidance on Premises Licence Condition

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.56 of the Official Minutes of the Council) (*presented by the Food Safety & Licensing Manager*).

The Senior Licensing Officer then took Members through the guidance documents, highlighting the key sections they needed to consider.

A Member sought clarification on the use of CCTV (as referred to in paragraph 10 of the consultation document).

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that it had become standard practice for the police to request CCTV provision be included on all premises licence applications, however guidance issued by the Information Commissioner indicates that installation of CCTV should be proportional to use/need.

Members and Officers then provided the following specific comments on the survey attached as Annex 2 to the report:

Survey Section	Members Comments	Officer Comments
Admission (draft condition 5)	Imposes on civil liberties, unworkable, would require door staff to be hired for all premises whether necessary or not, and may also require use of CCTV.	-
Admission (draft condition 8)	-	Try not to overlap with work of Responsible Authorities (e.g. Fire Service who would have limits set out within risk assessment and Fire Order).
Boxing or Wrestling or indoor sports (draft condition 16) <i>(Cllr. Grocott declared a personal interest due to his son taking part in boxing events).</i>	Agree with condition; distance limit to be set at a later date.	-
Large Events (draft condition 21)	Clarification needed on what was considered to be a 'large event' in terms of attendance numbers.	-
Noise (draft condition 23)	-	Complicated condition – would need justification from Environmental Protection Team (EPT) for it to be imposed. EPT to be asked to provide response to this condition on behalf of the Committee.

Survey Section	Members Comments	Officer Comments
Staff (draft condition 37)	-	Not currently a legal requirement. Trying to ensure that all relevant premises staff are trained and know what to do. Proportionality of this condition also needs to be considered as it may not be appropriate to include in all cases.

(Councillor Witton left the meeting at this point and did not return).

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The contents of the Institute of Licensing’s consultation document and draft conditions offered within it be noted.
- (B) The Senior Licensing Officer completes the survey document on the Committee’s behalf, taking account of the comments detailed above.

11. Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.31 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Food Safety & Licensing Manager)*.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that the draft policy was a simplified version of previous versions, which would make it easier to understand and more straightforward to monitor. Where possible it had been structured to reflect the guidance document issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Members were broadly positive with the revised scope, content and layout of the document, and sought clarification as to whether any of the decisions taken on the previous agenda item would affect the final version of the policy.

The Senior Licensing Officer replied that the policy sections on ‘reviews’ and ‘conditions’ would be the most likely to change, but it would be tricky to do so at this stage due to the IoL document only being at consultation stage at present.

RESOLVED:

That:

- (A) The draft “Statement of Licensing Policy” be noted.

- (B) It be noted the Statement of Licensing Policy will be referred to a meeting of the Full Council in October or November 2015 for approval and adoption.
- (C) It be noted the finalised Policy will be published no later than the beginning of January 2016.

The meeting closed at 11:32am

CHAIRMAN