

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 5 JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT:- Councillor Vera Tomlinson, Andrew Bennett, Paul Baker, John Ballman, Michael Bray, Doreen Dart, Brian Ford, Janet Heenan, Richard Hurley, Colin Lovell, Kevin Parry, Steve Wakefield, David Wren and Robert Wright.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor David Wood.

### **11. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

### **12. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **13. Public Question Time**

No public questions were received during the meeting.

### **14. Appointments to Sub-Committees**

The Director of Law and Democratic Services advised the Committee that the Council's Labour Group had requested changes to its Sub-Committee Membership.

Resolved – That Councillor Steve Wakefield be appointed serve as a Labour Group representative serving on the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee and as a deputy serving on the Ad-Hoc Licensing Sub-Committee.

### **15. Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill**

The Head of Licensing submitted a report setting out key Licensing elements of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill.

Resolved – That, the Head of Licensing in liaison with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, be authorised to make representations on behalf of this Committee in response to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill based upon the briefing set out within the report and the comments of Members at this meeting.

### **16. Revision of the Licensing Statement for Swindon**

The Head of Licensing submitted a report seeking the Committee's approval to re-ratify the Council's Licensing Statement whilst undertaking a public consultation on an interim replacement document.

Resolved - (1) That the Council's Licensing Statement be re-ratified and the Head of Licensing be authorised to undertake a public consultation on a replacement Licensing Statement which be submitted to this Committee for consideration at the end of this Municipal Year or the beginning of the Municipal

Year, 2011/12.

(2) That the Head of Licensing be requested to (a) consider the insertion of a Plain English summary at the start of the new Licensing Statement, and (b) consult on how best to deal with the licensing of outside areas such as beer gardens as part of the consultation process.