

Swindon Borough Council

Licensing Committee

Friday, 20 May 2011

Council Chamber, Civic Offices (Anticipated meeting room)

At 3.34 p.m. (or upon the rising of the Appointments Committee)

To: All Councillors

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2011.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

4. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

5. Local Government Act 1989 - Section 15: Review of Political Balance Arrangements

"That Committees be reminded of their duty to carry out a review under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and recommended that, having carried out the review, they continue to apply the political balance provisions." (Recommendation to the meeting of Swindon Borough Council on 20th May 2011.)

(See report of Director of Law and Democratic Services to Annual Meeting of the Borough Council for details of the political balance arrangements.)

6. Appointments of Sub-Committees and Panel

(a) Ad Hoc Licensing Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership - 7 Members on a basis of five Conservative Group Members and two Labour Group Members.)

(b) Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee. (Recommended

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(c) Licensing Panel. (Recommended Membership - 3 Members to be drawn from the Membership of this Committee.)

Date of Despatch: 12 May 2011

Public Question Time - *Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.*

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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 1st 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.