

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2011**

PRESENT:- Councillors Vera Tomlinson, Richard Hurley, Junab Ali, John Ballman, Rex Barnett, Andrew Bennett, Michael Bray, Wayne Crabbe, Claire Ellis, John Short, Steve Wakefield, David Wood, David Wren and Robert Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alan Bishop.

### **10. 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.

### **11. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **12. Consultation on the proposed deregulation of entertainment, within the framework of the Licensing Act 2003**

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Head of Licensing setting out Government proposals to remove the bulk of controls over regulated entertainment from the scope of the Licensing Act 2003, (b) a proposed formal response prepared by the Head of Licensing, (c) a copy of “Regulated Entertainment – A consultation proposal to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003, and (d) the views of Members on issues raised by the consultation paper and responses.

Resolved – (1) That the head of Licensing be authorised to prepare a formal response to the consultation paper on the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003 based upon his proposed response and Members’ comments expressed at this meeting.

(2) That the Head of Licensing be authorised to prepare a covering letter setting out the key issues raised by Members on the effect of the proposed amendments to the Licensing Act 2003, including the adverse effect any such proposals will have on the localism agenda.

(3) That the Chair and Vice-Chair be authorised to approve the Head of licensing’s formal response on the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003.

(4) That a copy of the cover letter and formal response to the consultation paper on the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003 be forwarded to all Members of this Committee, Swindon’s Members of parliament and partner organisations for their information.