

# Swindon Borough Council

## Licensing Committee

**Friday, 22 May 2015**

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. 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.

**3. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 6)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**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: 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.)

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

**6. Appointment of Sub-Committees and Panel**

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

(b) Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee. (Recommended Membership - 7 Members on a basis of four Conservative Group Members and three Labour Group Members.)

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

**Public Question Time** - Swindon Borough Council remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

Questions in writing should be sent to the Committee Officer whose contact details appear on the agenda above or to the Director of Law and Democratic Services, we will publish it, along with the answer, alongside the Minutes. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the "Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance" available on the Council's Website.

(<http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.

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### LICENSING COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2015**

PRESENT:- Councillors Abdul Amin, Andrew Bennett, Alan Bishop, Michael Bray, John Haines, Derique Montaut, Stan Pajak, Eric Shaw, Timothy Swinyard, Vera Tomlinson (Chair) and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Junab Ali, John Ballman, Oliver Donachie and Steve Wakefield.

#### **24. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

Councillor Andrew Bennett made a personal and non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 as he was a Council appointed representative serving on the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor Abdul Amin made a personal and non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 as he was a Premises Licence holder in Swindon outside of the area under consideration.

#### **25. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### **26. Public Question Time**

No public questions were received during the meeting.

#### **27. Cumulative Impact Policy**

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out a request received from Wiltshire Police regarding the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises in Swindon and setting out the process for a public consultation should the Police request be approved, (b) Minute 22(1) relating to the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises in Swindon, (c) a written submission tabled at the meeting from Swindon Borough Council's Public Health team supporting the police application, (d) an email received from Councillor Roderick Bluh (Ward Councillor), tabled at the meeting, opposition the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises, (e) a presentation by Wiltshire Police supporting the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises, (f) questions by Members to Police representatives regarding their application and presentations, and (g) questions to Council Officers regarding the application.

Resolved – (1) That no further action be taken at this time to advertise the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises in Swindon.

(2) That Wiltshire Police be thanked for attending the meeting and for their

presentation in support of their application for the establishment of two Cumulative Impact Areas for Licensed Premises in Swindon.

## **28. Statement of Gambling Principles - Adoption**

The Committee considered a report of the Council's Licensing Officer setting out (a) representations received on the draft Statement of Gambling Principles attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and (b) the amended Statement of Gambling Principles set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

Resolved – (1) That Council be recommended to adopt the revised Statement of Gambling Principles as set out in Appendix 2 to the Licensing manager's report.

(2) That the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services, Heritage and Libraries be authorised, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to make any typographical changes to the Statement of Gambling Principles as may be required.