

# LICENSING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2004

**Councillors:** Geoff Findlay (*Chairman*) (P), Peter Argyle (P), Trevor Banning (A), Billy Drummond (P), John Farrin (*Vice-Chairman*) (P), Manohar Gopal (P), Roger Hunneman (P), Owen Jeffery (P), Tony Linden (AP), Mrs Irene Neill (P), Mike Rodger (P), Andrew Rowles (P)

### PART I

#### 4. APOLOGY.

An apology for the inability to attend the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Tony Linden.

#### 5. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 9 March 2004 and 4 May 2004 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest received.

#### 7. LOCAL LICENSING POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING PARTY.

The Committee considered a report (Agenda Item 4) concerning the need to establish a Member and Officer working party to draft the Local Licensing Policy for the Council.

The Chairman welcomed the Licensing Team who had joined the meeting and provided an overview of what would need to be included in the Council's Licensing Policy. The Licensing Policy would need to cover the four "licensing objectives" of the Licensing Act 2003, be in line with the Council's Corporate Priorities and satisfy both residents and the trade.

Members noted that it was currently proposed that 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 would be first day of the transition phase although this was still subject to change and that the Licensing Policy would need to be agreed prior this date. The Licensing Policy had to be agreed by full Council and although there was a meeting scheduled in October it was unlikely that all consultation would be completed by this time. It was therefore proposed that Officers explore the feasibility of holding a Council meeting in November.

Members were informed that the agreed Licensing Policy would be in force for three years and the Committee agreed that it would be sensible to review the policy on an annual basis.

#### RESOLVED that:

- (1) A working party be established to draft the Local Licensing Policy for the Council;
- (2) The working party to consist of the following Members:  
Councillor Geoff Findlay  
Councillor John Farrin  
Councillor Manohar Gopal  
Councillor Roger Hunneman  
Councillor Andrew Rowles
- (3) The first meeting of the working party to be held following the Licensing Committee meeting.

*(The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and closed at 6.50 p.m.)*

**CHAIRMAN** .....

**Date of Signature:** .....