

**LICENSING ACT  
COMMITTEE**

2.00 P.M.

1ST SEPTEMBER 2010

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Joyce Taylor (Chairman), Bob Roe (Vice-Chairman),  
Chris Coates, Janie Kirkman, Ian McCulloch, Peter Robinson,  
Malcolm Thomas and Paul Woodruff

Apologies for Absence

Anne Chapman, John Harrison, Helen Helme, Sylvia Rogerson and  
Tony Wade

Officers in attendance:-

Luke Gorst	Assistant Solicitor
Caroline Morrison	Senior Licensing Officer
Jenny Kay	Democratic Support Officer

**10 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**11 HOME OFFICE REPORT ON REBALANCING THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented a report advising Members of a consultation on Empowering Individuals, Families and Local Communities to Shape and Determine Local Licensing 2003. The Government was seeking the views of the licensing trade, interested parties and licensing authorities with the intention of overhauling the licensing Act 2003.

It was reported that the overall theme of the consultation was to address the concern that local communities did not have a strong enough voice in determining licensing applications and that the process was 'overly bureaucratic' restricting local authorities from adequately responding to local concerns.

Members considered draft responses to the consultation that had been prepared by Officers and asked a number of questions. A number of slight amendments were suggested by Members of the Committee.

***Resolved :***

That the Licensing Act Committee approve the draft consultation responses subject to the amendments made by the Committee and authorise the Licensing Manager to submit the response.

**12 CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT UPDATE OF THE LICENSING ACT STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Members considered a report detailing the consultation on the Draft Update of the Licensing Act of Statement of Policy that was currently taking place.

The Committee was reminded that the Licensing Authority was required to update its Statement of Licensing Policy every 3 years. It was reported that the responses to the consultation would be reported back to the Committee in November and then it would be considered by full Council in December with implementation in January.

***Resolved :***

That the report be noted.

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Chairman

(The meeting ended at 3.07 p.m.)

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