

LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING : Tuesday, 18th January 2011

PRESENT : Cllrs.Durrant (Chair), C. Witts (Vice-Chair), Gillespie, Tracey, Noakes (Spokesperson), Gill, Field, Brown, Dee, Taylor, Beeley and Dallimore

Officers in Attendance

Gill Ragon, Group Manager, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

Lisa Wilkes, Food Safety and Licensing Service Manager

Steve Isaac, Solicitor

Anthony Hughes, Democratic Services Officer (Secretary)

APOLOGIES : Cllr. Porter

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

33. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings held on the 11th and 30th November 2010 and the 14th December 2010 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the respective Chairs.

In adopting the minutes of the above sub-committees, the Chair reminded the Committee that a Licensing Sub Committee had been convened on Thursday 9th December 2010 but had immediately been adjourned; the reconvened meeting had taken place on the 14 December 2010 (the minutes of which had been presented for confirmation). A record of the adjourned meeting would be presented to a future Licensing and Enforcement Committee.

35. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no questions from the public.

36. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no petitions or deputations from the public.

37. ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED SCHEDULE 3 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 FOR REGULATION OF LAP DANCING AND OTHER SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

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The Committee considered a report by the Group Manager of Environmental Health and Regulatory Services the purpose of which was as follows -

- (1) To advise members of the legislative changes affecting the licensing of lap dancing clubs and similar venues.
- (2) To consider adopting the amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 that has been amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. This introduces a licensing regime for 'sexual entertainment venues'.
- (3) To present the draft Sex Establishments Policy Statement for approval by the Licensing and Enforcement Committee for consultation.

In considering the report, the Committee was advised that the committee had discretion whether or not to include paragraph 3.1.4 and/or paragraph 3.1.5 in the draft policy consultation document. In addition the Committee had discretion whether or not to include paragraph 7.4. Following discussion it was agreed to include all three of these paragraphs in the consultation document.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Licensing and Enforcement Committee recommend to full Council they adopt the amendment to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. With an implementation date of 1st April 2011 to be recommended, for the provisions of Section 27 to come into effect in Gloucester City.
- (2) That the draft Sex Establishments Policy Statement (including paragraphs 3.1.4, 3.1.5 and 7.4) be approved for a 12 weeks consultation period, the results of the consultation to be presented back to the Licensing and Enforcement Committee to approve as a final version for adoption by Full Council.

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 15 February 2011 at 18.30 hrs

A special meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 31st January 2011 at 18.30 hrs to determine disciplinary hearings for Private Hire prosecution cases.

A further special meeting of the Committee (to determine disciplinary hearings for Private Hire prosecution cases) will be held on a date to be determined following consultation with committee members.

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Time of commencement: 18:30 hours
Time of conclusion: 19:08 hours

Chair