

## **LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Thursday 25th May 2006 at 6.00 pm  
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor Ryder (Chairman)  
Councillor Taylor (vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Blood, Bradney, Mrs Coulter, Ms Craigie, Donegan, Mrs Dunn, Mottram and Rogers.

### **Officers**

Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services), Licensing Officer and Mr J Jablonski (All Directorate of Law and Property).

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### 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Finch, Tomkinson and Woodall.

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### 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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### 3 **MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2006, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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### 4 **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the appointment of the five Licensing Sub-Committees for the Municipal Year 2006/07. Appendix 1 to the report submitted set out the functions allocated to the Committee, which it was proposed be delegated to the Sub-Committees. Details of the proposed membership of the Licensing Sub-Committees for 2006/07 and a schedule of the meetings of the Sub-Committees from June 2006 to April 2007 were circulated at the meeting.

Regarding the membership of the Sub-Committees it was proposed that the only changes be that Councillor Rogers replace former Councillor Hart as a member of Sub-Committee 3 and that as Councillor Wright was no longer a member of the Committee, Councillor Donegan replace him as Chairman of Sub-Committee 4 and Councillor Mrs Aston become a member of Sub-Committee 4. The Committee asked that their thanks be recorded to Ex-Councillor Hart and Councillor Wright for their contributions to the work of the Committee.

Arising from the consideration of this matter, consideration was given to a number of issues relating to the licensing function in particular consideration of the possible introduction of a Cumulative Impact Policy in respect of Stourbridge Town Centre.

#### RESOLVED

- 1(a) That five Licensing Sub-Committees, numbered 1 to 5, be established to deal with all licensing applications requiring member determination in accordance with functions allocated to the Licensing and Safety Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted.
- (b) That the membership of the Sub-Committees for 2006/07 be as set out in the details circulated at the meeting, the only changes from the membership in 2005/06 being as noted above in respect of Sub-Committees 3 and 4.
- (c) That the Licensing Officer be requested to arrange for a briefing session to be held for the new Members appointed to the Committee, Councillors Mrs Aston and Rogers, and any other members who wish to be involved.
- (d) That the substitution arrangements set out in the Council's Procedure Rules be noted and applied to the Licensing Sub-Committees subject to an eligibility requirement that any named substitute must be:-
  - i Appointed to the Licensing and Safety Committee.
  - ii Otherwise eligible to serve on any given occasion; and
  - iii Notified to the Director of Law and Property prior to the commencement of the meeting in question and that Democratic Services be responsible for arranging substitutes for Sub-Committees.

- 2 That, arising from the initial consideration given to this matter, a Special Meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee be held at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, to which representatives of West Midlands Police are to be invited, so that initial proposals in respect of the possible introduction of a Cumulative Impact Policy in respect of Stourbridge Town Centre might be considered and that the Chairman, in consultation with the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services, give further consideration to the invitation of other members and officers, as appropriate, who may have an interest in this matter.
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The meeting ended at 6.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN