

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 3, The Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Bills (Chair)  
Councillor Cowell (Vice Chair)  
Councillors Mrs. Ameson, M Aston, Blood, K Finch, Roberts, Russell,  
Taylor and Woodall.

### Officers:-

Mr T Holder (Solicitor), Ms N Bangar (Solicitor) and Mr. J. Jablonski  
(Democratic Services) (All Directorate of Corporate Resources).

### Also in attendance

Representatives from West Midlands Police – S Nixon, W Smith, R  
Steele and N Woods.

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21                    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of  
Councillors James and Perks.

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22                    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cowell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4 –  
Alcohol Consumption in Public Places – Quarry Bank area – as she was  
a Ward Member for the area.

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23                    MINUTES

### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held  
on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

## ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES – QUARRY BANK AREA

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A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the consultation undertaken and the publishing of a notice in a local newspaper arising from the decision of this Committee at its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, to approve, in principle, the introduction of a Designation Order for the Quarry Bank area where the consumption of alcohol would be prohibited other than within the curtilage of licensed premises.

Appendix 1 to the Report submitted was a copy of a plan indicating the original proposed designated area, as previously reported to the Committee.

Attached as Appendix 2 to the report was a copy of the draft Designation Order.

Paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report submitted detailed the action taken arising from the decision made at the meeting of the Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, and in particular referred to the 84 responses that had been received arising from the publication of the notice and other steps taken to publicise this matter. Of the 84 responses 82 supported the proposal.

Paragraph 8 of the report also set out representations made to extend the proposed designated area, however, no action was proposed on this as under the legislation the Council can only include an area if there was sufficient evidence from the Police to link the consumption of alcohol with anti-social behaviour or disorder.

It was noted that the cost of the consultation and public notices in the press would be met from existing resources whilst the costs of street signage would be met by the Police.

Arising from the consideration given to this matter, during which particular thanks were given to the Police for their assistance in publicising the matter by delivering letters to properties in the proposed designated area fully explained the proposal and inviting any comments or objections, it was:-

RESOLVED

That the Quarry Bank (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Place) Order 2013 be approved for the area indicated on the plan and in the draft Designation Order attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report submitted and that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to take all necessary action connected with the making of the Order as indicated in paragraphs 16 to 21 of the Report submitted.

The meeting ended at 6.08 p.m.

CHAIR