

Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 6 June 2011

Present: Councillor Hitchen – In the Chair

Councillors Austin, Burns, Carmody, Longsdon, Loughman, O'Callaghan, O'Connor, Royle and Shaw

LAP/11/03 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2011.

LAP/11/04 Licensing (Premises) applications granted from October – December 2011

A report of the Head of Street Management and Enforcement was presented in relation to decisions made under delegated authority with respect to applications managed by the Premises Licensing Team.

The Committee raised concerns regarding the statutory requirement that summary reviews, which can be requested by Greater Manchester Police, must be heard within 48 working hours of the request for the review, or the request for reconsideration of interim steps. Members of the Committee were concerned that due to the restrictive time limits problems were being encountered in arranging panels, officers, and accommodation in order to hear the reviews or requests. Members of the Committee also commented on the presentation skills at Licensing Committee Hearing Panels by responsible authorities.

Decision

1. That the report be noted.
 2. That the Head of Street Management and Enforcement and the City Solicitor be requested to produce a briefing note on summary reviews for members of the Committee.
 3. That the City Solicitor be requested to write to the appropriate bodies with a view to seeking a change in the law regarding time limits on summary reviews, and to bring a report regarding the same to a future meeting.
 4. That the Head of Street Management and Enforcement and the City Solicitor be requested to arrange additional training to officers of Environmental Health and Trading Standards on presentation to the Licensing Committee Hearing Panel.
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