

Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014

Present

Councillor Longsdon (in the Chair)

Councillors Austin, Evans, Grimshaw, Hughes, Ludford, Lyons, Loughman, Shilton-Godwin and Stone.

Councillor Flanagan Executive Member for Human Resources and Finance

Apologies

Councillors N Ali, Collins and Royle.

LC/14/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 16 June 2014 were submitted for consideration.

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2014, with an amendment that Councillor Shilton-Godwin had given her apologies.

LC/14/09 Licensing (Premises) applications between 1 April 2014 and 30 June 2014

A report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing was presented to the Committee. The report provided information regarding the decisions made by the Premises Licensing Team in relation to applications for Premises Licences received between 1 April 2014 and 30 June 2014.

A representative from the Premises Licensing Unit (PLU) explained the background and scope of the report. The report provided members with information on all applications that related to licensed premises and licensable activities, including those which were considered by the Licensing Sub-Committees, and those granted under delegated authority by officers.

Decision

To note the report.

LC/14/10 Licensing (Premises) applications between 1 July 2014 and 30 September 2014

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The Committee asked for information regarding the enforcement of Skip permits, as concerns had been raised about unlicensed skips being left on the street. The Committee were informed that enforcement action regarding unlicensed skips was the responsibility of the various Neighbourhood Delivery Teams across the City. It was agreed that a report would be presented to the next Licensing Committee regarding the number of enforcement cases dealt with by the NDT's and the sanctions imposed.

Decision

1. To note the report
2. To request a report regarding enforcement action against unlicensed skips.

LC/14/11 Licensing Update

A report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing was presented to the Committee. The report provided information regarding national changes and consultations in respect of licensing legislation and policy related issues. The report also provided the Committee with information regarding local projects and initiatives that could contribute to the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling 2005 Licensing Objectives.

A representative from the Premises Licensing Unit (PLU) explained the background and scope of the report. The report explained that new mandatory conditions that had been imposed in 2010 had been updated to make them stronger and more effective. The changes and the implications of the changes were explained to the Committee.

The Committee asked how the changes would be monitored and enforced. The Committee heard that enforcement was a multi-agency activity, with all responsible authorities involved in this process. It was noted that it is difficult to monitor individuals employed in licensed premises, and whether they adhere to the mandatory conditions, but that premises are generally monitored on how they operate overall.

The Committee asked if all Licensed Premises would be expected to adhere to the updated conditions, and were told that the updated conditions were aimed at pubs, clubs, restaurants and premises of that nature. Licensed premises such as Supermarkets would not be expected to change how they operated alcohol promotions or sales of low cost alcohol.

Decision

To note the report.