

## **Cherwell District Council**

### **Licensing Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX15 4AA, on 21 October 2013 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor Fred Blackwell (Chairman)  
Councillor Diana Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Colin Clarke  
Councillor Tony Ilott  
Councillor Ray Jelf  
Councillor P A O'Sullivan  
Councillor G A Reynolds  
Councillor Alaric Rose  
Councillor Gordon Ross  
Councillor Douglas Webb

Apologies  
for  
absence: Councillor Michael Gibbard  
Councillor Kieron Mallon

Officers: Jackie Fitzsimons, Interim Public Protection and Environmental  
Health Manager  
Claire Bold, Licensing Team Leader  
Dave Parry, Democratic and Elections Officer

#### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

#### **5 Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

#### **6 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 3 April 2013 and 15 May 2013 were agreed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

## 7 **Sex Entertainment Licensing Policy and Procedure**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Community Services outlining changes made in Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 amending Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 which enabled local authorities to be able to determine applications for sex establishment venues (SEV's). The report sought approval for the Council's policy in dealing with such matters.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That it be agreed that the proposed policy setting out the Councils approach to governing the operation of Sexual Establishment Venues (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be adhered to when determining all applications for such venues.
- (2) That the proposed conditions within the attached policy governing the operation of Sexual Entertainment Venues be approved and attached to all licences issued by the Council.
- (3) That the proposed amendments as a result of the consultation responses be incorporated into the final policy.
- (4) That it be noted that the finalised policy would be published on 6 January 2014.
- (5) That the Head of Community Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, be authorised to set and make any minor alterations to the setting of fees in relation to the processing of applications for sexual entertainment venues.

## 8 **Licensing Department Updates**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Community Services advising on current and future developments within the Licensing Department.

The Committee expressed concern that, during a recent inspection, 22 out of 24 taxi vehicles had been found to have a defect. The Licensing Team Leader advised that most of the issues related to rear light failures, failure by drivers to wear their badges and tyres, where the Council imposed a stricter standard than the legal requirement. She undertook to advise Members of the full details and, with respect to the future, would ensure Members were provided with the outcome of all inspections. The Committee was advised that staffing issues that had recently impacted on the ability of the section to undertake inspections had now been resolved.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the report be noted.

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The meeting ended at 5.17 pm

Chairman:

Date: