

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 10.00 am
on Tuesday, 28 July 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor D Galliers (Chair)
Councillor M Ali
Councillor J Birdi
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor G Duggins
Councillor L Harvard
Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor J Mutton
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor R Thay (Deputy Chair)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: J Adams, S Beechey, M Coggins, J Rockell, H Simmonds

Resources: U Patel, M Smith,

Apologies: Councillor A Andrews, R Auluck, L Bigham and J Innes

Public Business

15. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ali declared an 'other relevant interest' in the matter the subject of Minute 24 below headed "Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences" by reason of the fact that the applicants were known to her. She withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of these items.

Councillor Harvard declared an 'other relevant interest' in the matter the subject of Minute 18 below headed "Gambling Act 2005 – Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-19" by reason of the fact that he is a member of the casino at the Ricoh Arena.

16. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 30 June 2015 were signed as a true record.

17. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business indicated below, on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information and that there would be no public interest

in disclosing that information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part I of that Schedule as indicated:

Minute no.	Subject	Relevant Paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A
22	Non-compliance with a Formal Notice under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (PDPA2)	7
23	Non-compliance with a Formal Notice under the Housing Act 2004 (HA1)	7

18. **Gambling Act 2005 - Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-19**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which sought Members' views on the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-19 under the Gambling Act 2005. The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities considered the report on 23 July 2015 and authorised the Executive Director of Place to carry out the consultation as detailed in the report.

Under the terms of the Gambling Act 2005, the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy has to be renewed every 3 years. As the current Statement of Gambling Policy came into effect on 31 January 2013, a review must be undertaken and a revised statement published by 3 January 2016.

The review would require licensing authorities to carry out a wide consultation process. In addition to the statutory consultees, the Council has the authority to include in the process any individuals or organisations it deemed appropriate.

The general principles of the Gambling Policy remain the same and the document was still centred around the Gambling Act's 3 licensing objectives, namely:

- (i) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- (ii) Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way;
- (iii) Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

A copy of the draft revised policy was attached as an Appendix to the report. The public consultation would last for a 7 week period starting on 6 August 2015.

RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the draft Statement of Gambling Policy would like the opportunity to consider and comment upon the proposed Local Area Profiles referred to in the document once these are available.

19. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issue.

20. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

21. Non-compliance with a formal notice issued under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (PDPA2)

RESOLVED that having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 against Person B in respect of alleged non-compliance with a formal notice issued under the above Act on the owners of 30 Hipswell Highway.

In addition it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director (Streetscene and Greenspace) to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

22. Non-compliance with a formal notice under the Housing Act 2004 (HA1)

RESOLVED that having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Housing Act 2004 in respect of alleged non-compliance with a formal notice issued under the above Act on the owner of 323 Lythalls Lane, Coventry.

In addition it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director (Streetscene and Greenspace) to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

23. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Executive Director of Place now submitted:

- (a) The application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Jagdeep Singh be approved subject to a three month suspension.**

(NOTE: Mr J Singh attended the meeting in support of his application.)

- (b) Consideration of the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Kulvinder Singh Longia be deferred to a future meeting to afford him a further opportunity to attend.**

24. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other urgent items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 11.15 am)