

Licensing Committee – Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th March, 2010.

Present:- Councillors Davis (Chair), Dodds, Jenkins, Long and Maclsaac

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Rasib and Qureshi

PART I

21. Declaration of Interest

None.

22. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 24th February, 2010 were taken as read and signed as a correct record. Members noted that the recommendation with regard to review of delegated powers would be reported to the June Council meeting.

23. Sexual Entertainment Venues

The Licensing Manager introduced the report that had been circulated as part of the agenda detailing the proposed legislative changes affecting the licensing of lap dancing and pole dancing clubs and similar venues. The Licensing Manager drew the Committee's attention to an error in the report in that the report should refer to Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 and not Section 26. The report set out the details of the legislative proposals contained within Section 26 which introduced a new category of 'Sex Establishment' under Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act called a 'Sexual Entertainment Venue'.

The report summarised the amendments to Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act and members were advised that the new legislative provisions took effect from 6th April 2010. Members were advised that the Council had originally adopted the previous provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) (Provisions) Act 1982 (LGMPA 1982) on the 19th March, 1984 and the Council would now need to adopt the new provisions which had been inserted into Schedule 3. The Council's Policy in relation to 'Sex Establishments' would require revision in order to incorporate Sexual Entertainment Venues and there may need to be a new separate policy.

The Licensing Manager detailed the proposed implementation which would include a transitional period which would last for 12 months and start on the date the amendments to Schedule 3 to the 1982 Act came into force in the relevant local authority area. The Council was currently waiting for relevant guidance to be produced by LACORS and further reports would be submitted to the Committee in relation to the adoption of the provisions under the 1982 Act, fees, standard terms and conditions, application forms and procedures

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and amendments to the Policy. It was hoped that this report could be submitted to the July or September meeting of the Committee.

In noting these proposals Members sought clarification of the status of stripograms in pubs and similar premises and the Licensing Manager advised that he would think that this type of activity was likely to fall within the exemptions under the new proposals, however, the Council was waiting for further guidance on the detail of the new legislative provisions.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.50 pm)

Chair