

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE
2 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 6.35 P.M.

PRESENT: MR K. NICHOLS - CHAIRMAN
Mr. C.G. JOYCE - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr P.R. Batty, Mr J.C. Bown, Mr M.B. Cartwright, Mrs. S. Francks, Mr. D. M Gould, Mr L.J.P. O'Shea and Mrs. S. Sprason

Officers in attendance: Mr. A. Bottomley, Mrs A. Neale, Mr. R. Parkinson, Mrs. P.I. Pitt

183 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs. S.L. Bray and P.A.S. Hall.

184 MINUTES (L1)

It was moved by Mr. Bown, seconded by Mrs Francks and

RESOLVED - the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

186 LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (L2)

Prior to adoption by Council the Committee was requested to consider and endorse the draft of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, which would then be consulted upon. Such statement which, when adopted, would remain in force for a three-year period from 7 January 2011 and indicate how the Council deals with applications for alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment licences.

Members were fully supportive of the proposed policy but did request that when this was presented to Council for ratification the changes between the new and the previous Statement of Licensing Policy be highlighted.

On the motion of Mr. O'Shea, seconded by Mr Gould, it was

RECOMMENDED - the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy be endorsed and consulted upon prior to consideration and adoption by Council.

187 SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (L3)

The Committee was advised that although this Council had adopted the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous

Provisions) Act 1982 in 1983 in the light of changes brought about by the Police and Crime Act 2009 premises offering entertainment such as lap dancing, pole dancing etc now needed to be re-classified as “sex establishments”.

Discussion arose regarding the amount of licence fee payable. Although there were currently no premises within the Borough which provided such entertainment, the fee suggested was the same as that prescribed for sex establishment licenses and would be cost neutral to the Authority.

It was moved by Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mrs Francks and

RECOMMENDED -

- (i) The Council re-affirm the provisions of Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 (as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009) in relation to the licensing of “sexual entertainment venues” and that responsibility for determination of applications for such licences be delegated to the Licensing Committee; and
- (ii) Fees for applications for licences for sexual entertainment venues be set at the same level as for sex establishment licences.

(The meeting closed at 6.43 p.m.)

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman referred to a licensing training session for Members on 27 October, which would be beneficial to those Members attending Hearings. In response to Members’ questions it was stated that this would take the form of in-house training and that alternative sessions could be arranged for those unable to attend on that date.

(Subsequent to the meeting Licensing Officers confirmed that the date given above was incorrect and that the training session was to be held at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 6 October 2010)