

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

14 OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs H Smith - Chairman
Mrs J Kirby – Vice-Chairman
Mr DC Bill MBE (for Mr K Nichols), Mr MB Cartwright, Mrs MA Cook, Mr DS Cope,
Mr MA Hall, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr C Ladkin and Mr M Nickerson

Officers in attendance: Mark Brymer, Rebecca Owen and Michael Rice

206 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nichols, with the substitution of Councillor Bill authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.

207 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 26 August be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

208 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

209 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Members gave consideration to the Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) in light of the recent consultation exercise and prior to adoption by Council. It was moved by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Cartwright and

RESOLVED – the Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) be endorsed and RECOMMENDED to Council for approval.

210 LATE NIGHT LEVY

Following a request at the previous meeting, members received a report on the Late Night Levy power under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. It was reported that, whilst the authority would receive 30% (and the Police 70%) of any levy, it would have to be spent on the night-time economy. It was further reported that the Police were not recommending introduction of a levy as the current situation was manageable. Members were reassured that the decision on this matter did not affect approval of the Statement of Licensing Policy by Council.

The possibility of introducing a levy for those premises remaining open after 3am only was discussed, and it was agreed that, should the need for such a levy become apparent, the times could be agreed by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Cartwright and seconded by Councillor Hall that the Late Night Levy be not pursued as they did not wish to damage the night time economy by imposing additional charges and the Police did not feel it necessary.

Councillor Cartwright proposed an amendment that the matter be revisited if necessary after six months, however upon receiving officer advice that there were provisions to do this under the Constitution anyway so a motion was not necessary, he withdrew his amendment. It was therefore unanimously

RESOLVED – the Late Night Levy be not pursued.

(The Meeting closed at 6.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN