

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

26 AUGUST 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs H Smith - Chairman
Mrs J Kirby – Vice-Chairman
Mrs MA Cook, Mr DS Cope, Mr WJ Crooks (for Mr MB Cartwright), Mrs L Hodgkins and
Ms BM Witherford (for Mr K Nichols)

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

125 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bessant, Cartwright, Hall, Ladkin, Nichols and Nickerson, with the following substitutions of Councillor Crooks for Councillor Cartwright and Councillor Witherford for Councillor Nichols authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.

126 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

128 LICENSING POLICY REFRESH

Members gave consideration to the Statement of Licensing Policy which had been subject of consultation before being brought to the Licensing Committee and then Council for adoption. The following points were made during the discussion:

- The exclusion of the Crescent development in the saturation area
- The main changes in the revised policy being sections 6 (adult entertainment) and 10 (boxing)
- Recent applications for opening until 5am (which had only been granted until 4am by the committee).

Discussion ensued on the late night levy, which had been considered in 2011 but rejected. Members felt that this should be revisited and asked for a report later in the year.

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

RESOLVED –

- (i) The report and policy be endorsed and RECOMMENDED to Council for approval;
- (ii) A report on the late night levy be brought to a future meeting.

129 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Members received a report on the proposed revision of the Statement of Principles as required by the Gambling Act 2005. It was reported that this authority had not held any hearings under the Gambling Act, only had nine premises in the borough and had never received any complaints. It was explained that gambling premises were robustly inspected and regularly visited. It was moved by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Crooks and

RESOLVED – the report and Statement of Principles be endorsed for consultation.

(The Meeting closed at 7.00 pm)

CHAIRMAN