

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: Friday 23 July 2010

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors P Kissane (Chair), C Latif (Vice Chair),
L Harrington, M Hearn, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead,
M Notley, J Pickersgill.

In Attendance:

Start/End Time: Start Time: 10.00 a.m.
End Time: 10.45 a.m

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Clark, C Hurst, M Patston, P Stuart and B Underwood.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003

The Chair informed Members that the meeting had been convened as a matter of urgency to consider urgent business in relation to the review of the Licensing Act. The report had been circulated to Members and was available to the public for five clear working days, but this had been an agenda for General Purposes Committee. The Chair determined however that given that the review was to be subject to consultation between 2 August and 25 October 2010, it be considered on this occasion.

The Licensing Manager provided a background summary of the Licensing Policy to the Committee. She indicated that the Council previously reviewed its policy in 2007 prior to the expiry of its previous policy. The Officer advised that in light of the revised Statutory Guidance issued in March 2010 by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) the Council proposed to carry out a public consultation exercise between 2 August and 25 October 2011, following which a further report would be submitted detailing any responses received and seeking the Committee's recommendation to Full Council for approval.

It was **RESOLVED** that Officers conduct a public consultation exercise on the Licensing Policy for the Licensing Act 2003 with a view to reporting back to the Licensing Committee in November 2010, and then to Council in December 2010.

3. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED**:

That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.

5. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.

The Chair