

LICENSING COMMITTEE  
24 JANUARY 2007

(19:15 TO 20:15)

PRESENT: Councillor John Bowcott (in the Chair), Steve Austin, Jeremy Bruce, Richard Chellew, Philip Jones, Gilli Lewis-Lavender, Russell Makin, Barbara Mansfield, Judy Saunders, David Simpson, Gregory Udeh, Martin Whelton and Kryisia Williams.  
Steve Clark (Head of Planning and Public Protection), Richard Nash (Licensing Manager), Alan Powell (Licensing Officer), Solomon Agutu (Legal Services) and Colin Millar (Democratic Services).

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Ron Wilson.

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER

Apologies for absence from Councillor Russell Makin to be recorded for this meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting as amended are agreed.

2 GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS DEALING WITH LICENSING ISSUES

Members discussed the guidance and suggested that it should be kept as simple as possible. Members should be advised not to come forward for hearings where they felt they would have an interest.

Councillor Russell Makin asked about recording of votes in sub-committee. The Democratic Services Officer said that if a member wished to have dissent from a decision recorded this would be done at their request in accordance with constitutional provision on voting.

Members agreed that the recording of gifts and hospitality did not need to go beyond the provision made in the Code of Conduct as this would overcomplicate the provisions. Members could be expected to exercise judgement in these matters.

In respect of the provisions at Paragraphs 7.7 and 11 members agreed that these should be considered further by Licensing Committee after discussions had taken place between relevant officers.

Paragraph 5.4 should be reworded to make it clear that this applied to internal procedures.

Paragraph 4.9 needed to be reworded as advisory as the appointment of members to Licensing Committee is a matter for Party Groups and the full Council.

RESOLVED: That the Licensing Committee agrees to consider this matter further after Standards Committee consideration and subject to a further discussion between officers on the points identified above.