



NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING POLICY COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 9.30AM

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 3RD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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A G E N D A

- 1. Declaration of Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14**
- 2. Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2008**
 - ... The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2008 are attached.
 - RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2008 be agreed and signed by the chair as a correct record.**
- 3. Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 23 January 2008, 6 February 2008, 20 February 2008, 5 March 2008, 26 March 2008, 11 April 2008, 30 April 2008, 20 May 2008 (TENS), 4 June 2008, 18 June 2008, 25 June 2008, 6 August 2008, 12 August 2008 and 13 August 2008.**

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4. ... Licensing Committee – Night-time Visits

Members have expressed a wish for the Licensing Manager to arrange an evening of informal visits to licensed premises in order to give the Committee an insight into the impact of licensed premises, both positive and negative on the evening/late night economy and to raise their awareness of the role and functions of the Licensing Authority

It is proposed that representatives from the nominated responsible authorities, specifically the Police and Trading Standards will be invited to accompany Members in order to provide advice and answer any questions that may arise.

Please could Members bring their diaries to the meeting in order that potential dates for the evening tour can be obtained.

Additionally, the Licensing Manager would be grateful for any input from Members as regards places they would wish to visit or issues they would wish to discuss on the tour.

5. Licensing Statistical Bulletin 2008 – Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (“DCMS”) is responsible for compiling a National Statistics bulletin on alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment under the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Act”).

This is in line with the first Licensing Act 2003 data collection exercise which was conducted last year. The information collected from all the licensing authorities in England and Wales will form the basis for future collections and will continue to inform their ongoing monitoring of the licensing regime.

A copy of the return submitted by PCC is attached to the Agenda for information purposes.

6. Recent Prosecutions – Licensing Matters

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise members of recent prosecutions

instigated by the City Solicitor on behalf of your reporting officer. It is normal policy to provide details of prosecutions to the committee for information purposes. This report follows a previous report submitted to the Licensing Committee on 31 October 2006 (Minute 25/06 refers).

Prosecution files are considered in accordance with the council's adopted enforcement policy concordat and where the city solicitor is satisfied that the offence is serious and it is both in the public interest/appropriate to proceed. This report does not therefore include pending matters under investigation or the issue of simple cautions, suspension of vehicle and driver licenses together with written and verbal warnings issued to licence holders/licensees by your staff.

Recommended that the report be noted.

A report by the Licensing Manager is attached.

7. Review of Licensing Fees

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the committee to consider an increase to the existing level of fees payable in respect of private hire and hackney carriage licences and a reduction in the current level of fees charges for the renewal of sex establishment licences.

Recommended that the proposed table of licensing fees be approved and implemented with immediate effect subject to any formal public statutory consultation.

A report by the Licensing Manager is attached.