

Licensing Committee Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, 1 April 2014
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes, FY8 1LW
Committee members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Dawn Prestwich Councillors Brenda Ackers, Christine Akeroyd, Susan Ashton, Keith Beckett ISO, Alan Clayton, Susanne Cunningham, John Davies, Leonard Davies, David Donaldson, Ken Hopwood.
Other councillors:	None
Officers:	Chris Hambly, Katharine McDonnell, Sharon Wadsworth
Other attendees:	None

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 11 July 2013 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members.

4. Locally Set Fees

Chris Hambly, Principal Licensing Officer, presented a report detailing the proposed responses to the questions posed by the Home Office as part of the consultation on Locally Set Fees in relation to the Licensing Act 2003.

Mr Hambly clarified that if fee levels were to be set by individual licensing authorities, then the fee charged must only relate to the cost of the officers time involved in processing all aspects of the application.

After discussion it was RESOLVED that the committee accept the proposed responses to the consultation, as set out in appendix 3 of the report. The committee would look forward to a future report following the outcome of the consultation.

5. Licensing Act 2003 Update

Mr Hambly presented a report of forthcoming changes to the Licensing Act 2003. The report also informed the committee of the total number of licenses issued by the Authority since the Licensing Act 2003 came into force in 2005.

Mr Hambly highlighted the main forthcoming changes and the likely impact, if any, on the Council.

After discussion it was RESOLVED to note the report.

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