

Licensing Committee



Date:	Thursday, 11 July 2013
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members:	Councillor Angela Jacques (Chairman) Councillor Dawn Prestwich Councillors Christine Akeroyd, Brenda Ackers, Keith Beckett, Alan Clayton, Susanne Cunningham, David Donaldson, Leonard Davies, John Davies, Kathleen Harper, Karen Henshaw, Ken Hopwood.
Other Councillors:	Councillor Cheryl Little.
Officers:	Clare Holmes, Chris Hambly, Paul Rogers.
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.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 12 October 2013 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute members

There were no substitute members.

4. Consultation Regarding Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Order by Blackpool Borough Council

Chris Hambly, Principal Licensing Officer, presented a report which informed the Committee that Blackpool Council had recently commenced a consultation regarding the introduction of an Early Morning Alcohol Restriction Order (EMRO) for an area of Blackpool Town Centre. The final date for any comments to the consultation is the 25th July 2013.

The Committee were reminded of the principles of an EMRO and were asked to consider the formulation of a potential response to the consultation.

After discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Committee would like to thank Blackpool Council for the consultation document. The Committee supports the objectives of the consultation and

appreciates the problems faced by the police and other statutory bodies. The Committee awaits the decision of Blackpool Council.

5. Licensing Act 2003

Chris Hambly, Principal Licensing Officer, presented a report of forthcoming changes to the Licensing Act 2003 regarding deregulation of some licensable activities. The report also informed the committee of the current numbers of licensed premises in the Borough. He informed members that government consultation on licensing fees will not take place until 2014 and suggested that the Statement of Licensing Policy be reviewed at that time.

After discussion, it was RESOLVED that a review of the Statement of Licensing Policy be carried out in 2014 when more information is available following the recent amendments to the Licensing Act and to be concurrent with the government consultation on licensing fees.

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