

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor H Loydall – Chair

Councillors: M Chamberlain, M Charlesworth, S Dickinson, J Gore,  
J Kaufman, L Kaufman, K Loydall

Officers in Attendance: I Dobson, K Garcha and J Guazzaroni

Min Ref	Narrative	Officer Resp
24.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>G Boulter, L Broadley, F Broadley, R Kanabar</p>	ID
25.	<p><b><u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
26.	<p><b><u>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
27.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
28.	<p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 2 October 2014, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.</p>	ID

<p><b>29.</b></p>	<p><b><u>REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out on report pages 6 - 21 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Democratic Officer informed Members that there is a statutory requirement for the Council to consult upon and then publish a statement of Gambling Policy every 3 years.</p> <p>He went on to say that a further report will be brought back to the committee meeting in October 2015 to report back on the consultation and present a revised policy to be recommended to Council for adoption.</p> <p>Cllr J Gore joined the meeting at 7:06pm.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Licensing and Democratic Officer be authorised to carry out a statutory consultation in respect of the Council's current Gambling Policy.</p>	
<p><b>30.</b></p>	<p><b><u>RENEWAL OF PERSONAL LICENCES</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out on report page 22 - 23 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Democratic Officer informed Members of transitional arrangements for dealing with renewals of personal licences in the period preceding the enactment of the Deregulation Bill 2014, which will remove the requirement to renew every 10 years.</p> <p>He went on to inform Members that the interim renewal process has been amended to remove the requirement to pay a fee upon submitting a renewal application. He stated that the Council will have to bear the cost of administration for around 36 renewal applications.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report be noted.</p>	
<p><b>31.</b></p>	<p><b><u>MARKET RIGHTS UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 24 – 25 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p>	

	<p>Members raised concern in relation to the Market Charter held by the City Council and it was suggested that it impinges upon the right to free trade within the Borough. The Committee discussed the options available to challenge the Market Charter and agreed to start by discussing the matter with the City Council and report back to a future meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Licensing and Democratic Officer be instructed to discuss with Leicester City Council a more suitable arrangement for the holding of markets in the Borough.</p>	
<p><b>32.</b></p>	<p><b><u>UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 26 - 29 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Committee raised concern about the legislation and in particular the requirements for the identification of mobile collectors which is inadequate. The Chairman requested that the representations are made to the Secretary of State calling for a review of the Act.</p> <p>The Licensing and Democratic Officer informed Members that Officers will be preparing an article the Council's magazine (Letterbox) to give information to residents on how best to identify collection vehicles.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report be noted.</p>	

**The Meeting Closed at 7:37 p.m.**