

Minutes

Licensing Committee

3rd September 2008



Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
M J Banthorpe (Chairman)	Yes	T McArdle	Yes
J C Collar	Yes	A M Meyer	Apologies
J G J Elliott	Yes	Mrs R O'Shea	Apologies
J H G Finbow	Yes	Mrs J A Pell	Yes
Mrs S A Howell	Yes	D E A Rice	Yes
P J Hughes	Yes	A F Shelton	Apologies
E R Lynch	Yes	F Swallow	Yes
M Lynch	Yes		

19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

20 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 30th July 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were no questions asked or statements made.

22 **STREET TRADING POLICY – AMENDMENT**

INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a report on the proposed revision of the Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy.

Members were reminded that the Licensing Committee had last reviewed the policy in 2007 and had recommended it for adoption on 10th October 2007. Amongst other things, the policy required that new or renewal applications received from street traders who wished to operate from an area where an existing trader had been granted consent to sell similar commodities must be referred to the Licensing Committee for determination. In addition, at the time of the review, it had been agreed that a clause defining an acceptable distance between such street traders should be omitted from the policy as it had been considered that this would be too restrictive.

However, Members were advised that in implementing the policy Officers had experienced difficulty when dealing with such applications and, in the circumstances, it was proposed that the process should be streamlined and a minimum distance

between traders established. This would enable Officers to determine renewal applications, and new applications beyond the designated distance, without reference to the Licensing Committee provided that no representations had been submitted.

DECISION:

- (1) That the Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy be amended to incorporate the following clause:-

'Where the Council has granted consent for two traders to sell the same commodity in the same location, the Licensing Officer be authorised to determine applications for the annual renewal of the consents provided that no representations have been submitted in respect of the renewal(s), in which case the application(s) will be referred to the Licensing Committee for determination.'

- (2) That the Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy be amended to incorporate the following requirement:-

That new street trading consent applications received from applicants wishing to trade within a distance of 500 metres or less of an existing trader selling the same commodity be referred to the Licensing Committee for determination. All other applications submitted shall be determined by the Licensing Officer, except when representations have been made.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

M J BANTHORPE
(Chairman)