

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday, 10th July 2006 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors A. N. Blagg, A. J. Dent, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. K. M. Gall, M. H. Gill, D. Hancox, G. H. R. Hulett, N. Psirides JP, C. R. Scurrall and E. C. Tibby

(NOTE: Sergeant A. Quinn and Constable M. Jenkins, Redditch & Bromsgrove Division of the West Mercia Police Force, were also in attendance for item 5 on the Agenda).

1/06 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor A. J. Dent be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2/06 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that Councillor A. N. Blagg be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3/06 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths and Ms. J. A. Marshall.

4/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 27th February 2006, were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

5/06 **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES RELATING TO NON-CONFIDENTIAL AND NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

The Report of the Head of Planning and Environment Services relating to non-confidential and non-exempt items was submitted.

Arising therefrom:

(1) **APPLICATION TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES - ASTON FIELDS**

RESOLVED that, following the necessary consultations carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001, which yielded no objections, the request from the West Mercia Police Authority for the Council to make an Order prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in a designated place in Aston Fields, Bromsgrove (i.e., the Recreation Ground, off Stoke Road, Aston Fields - as defined on the map attached as Appendix A to the Report), be acceded to.

(2) **APPLICATION TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES - BROMSGROVE TOWN AREA**

RESOLVED that, following the necessary consultations carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in

Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001, which yielded no objections, the request from the West Mercia Police Authority for the Council to make an Order prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in a number of designated places in the Bromsgrove Town area, including Sanders Park, the Recreation Ground and the High Street (with the extent of the area as defined on the map attached as Appendix B to the Report), be acceded to.

6/06

GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Principal Licensing Officer advised Members that, in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, the Council was required to prepare and publish a Statement of Gambling Policy, which will be used to determine all applications made under the terms of the Act. Such Policy must be published before any functions under the Act are carried out, and must be reviewed every three years when a further public consultation must take place. It was further reported that there was a provision within the Act to keep the policy under review during each three year period, and that the Council may make any revisions which it considers appropriate.

As this was the first Policy Statement, the Council were bound to consult with a number of responsible bodies, and details of these, together with a timetable for the consultation process were reported to Members. Whereupon it was

RESOLVED that the draft Statement of Gambling Policy, as set out in Appendix C to the Report (which was based on guidance issued by the Gambling Commission under Section 25 of the Act, and which was consistent with other District Councils throughout Herefordshire and Worcestershire) be commended to the Executive Cabinet as a basis to commence the formal consultation process.

The Meeting closed at 6.42 p.m.

Chairman