

Time Commenced - 6.00 pm
Time Finished - 6.50 pm

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
8 FEBRUARY 2006**

Present: Councillor Khan (Chair)

Councillors Allen, Baxter, E Berry, P Berry, Leeming, Marshall,
Jackson, Redfern, Rehman, Richards and Skelton

19/05 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Afzal, Brown and Dhamrait.

20/05 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the insertion of Councillors Dhamrait and Leeming's attendance.

21/05 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

22/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/05 Pubwatch Scheme

The Committee received a presentation from Dave Lalor, Chair of Derby City Pubwatch, informing Members that Derby had won a competition for its Pubwatch Scheme within the central region. He considered that the Pubwatch had formed strong links with the Police and Derby City Council. It was reported that there had been a 23% decrease in alcohol related crimes in the city.

The Committee considered that a press release on the Pubwatch's achievements should be issued and congratulations sent to all involved in the scheme.

Resolved to note the presentation.

24/05 Police Invitation to Attend the General Licensing Committee

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director, Environmental Services that provided details of an invitation to Chief Superintendent Hurrell to attend the Committee meeting. The invitation followed the Committees request that the Assistant Director – Environmental Health and Trading Standards write to the Police Authority regarding making representations under the Licensing Act 2003. Letters of correspondence to and from the Police were circulated at the meeting. Chief Superintendent Hurrell and Sergeant Wallace attended and addressed the Committee.

Resolved to note the report.

25/05 Amendments to the Permanent Residential Mobile Home Site Licensing Conditions (Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960)

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director, Environmental Services that sought approval of the amendments to the current site licensing conditions for permanent mobile home sites.

It was reported that the Council currently licensed three sites in the city. It was noted that an annual inspection of the sites was carried out; however no fee was charged for the licence or the inspection. The owners of the three licensed caravan sites had been consulted on the amendments and no objections had been raised.

Resolved to approve the amendments to the current site licensing conditions for permanent mobile home site.

26/05 Licensing Policy Review

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director, Environmental Services that detailed proposals regarding the review of the Council's Licensing Policy.

It was reported that Derby's Licensing Policy, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, came into effect on 7 February 2005. When the Licensing and Appeals Committee considered the draft policy Members requested an early review of Derby's policy after 12 months.

It was reported that as part of the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the Licensing Act 2003 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport – DCMS – had announced that the Secretary of State would be reviewing the Guidance

to licensing authorities and the Police. It was expected that the review would be completed by summer 2006, for laying of a revised version before Parliament by the end of 2006.

It was proposed that the process of reviewing Derby's policy should not begin until after a revised version of the Guidance from the DCMS had been issued.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to delay the review of Derby's Licensing Policy until after the issue of the DCMS's revised version of the Guidance.**

MINUTES END