GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 7 DECEMBER 2011

Present: Councillor Marshall (in the Chair)

Councillors Barker, Harwood, Jackson, Rawson and Richards

14/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jackson, Richards and L Winter.

15/11 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

16/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/11 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/11 Consultation: Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Queen's Jubilee

The Committee considered a report on the consultation from the Home Office on the relaxation of licensing hours for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It was reported that the Government proposed to make a licensing hours order to mark the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. It was noted that plans had been announced for a special four day jubilee weekend at allow communities to come together to celebrate the events of the last sixty years.

Members raised concerns that there would be no extra funding provided to local authorities or Derbyshire Constabulary to deal with any subsequent issues that may arise from the extended hours. It was reported that the out of hours response service within the local authority would be operating during the majority of the hours suggested, and that the Constabulary had been asked for their views with regards to which days from the choice of four to apply the relaxation to; the Constabulary preference was the Saturday and Sunday.

The Committee were opposed to the officers' responses and suggested that the order should cover the Friday and Saturday.

Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Leeming proposed a motion to amend the response to state that the authority wished for the order to cover Friday 1 June and Saturday 2 June 2012.

The motion was carried.

Resolved to authorise Mike Kay, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing to respond to the Secretary of State on behalf of the Committee with the consultation responses.

MINUTES END