

LICENSING COMMITTEE

3 JULY 2013

Present :- Councillor Nick Cope (Chairman)
Councillors Mary Blandon, Margaret Fairley-Crowe,
Pauline Hazell, Mike Hogg, Brian Jarvis,
Margaret Kimberley and Gerard Oxford

4. Licensing Service

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Professional Services giving details of the work done by the Licensing Service across the various areas of licensing in the past six months. In addition to the routine work carried out in dealing with applications the Licensing Specialist Unit was also involved in a number of meetings with partner agencies and customers. Work was ongoing on the taxi licensing policy and the licensing team's work on recurring billing had been completed. The work priorities for the next six months were identified as a review of the sex establishment licensing policy; the introduction of a policy on Scrap Metal Dealers; and recurring billing for gambling premises. In response to questions it was reported that a review of premises in the Borough offering licensable body piercing activities including tattooing, electrolysis, acupuncture and ear piercing was being undertaken and inspections of these premises would be taking place.

The Committee discussed the types of information it would like to see reported to the Committee in future which included information on billing and more information on areas of licensing work that were less familiar to the Committee such as street collection permits and house to house collections.

RESOLVED that further reports be made to the Committee on the work of the Licensing Team and that these include both items on specific licensing areas such as street collections and also general statistics on applications processed and information in relation to the annual fees and suspension of premises licences.

5. Member Training and Development Programme

The Committee noted that training had been arranged for 10 September 2013 on the key areas of licensing and this would be conducted by Jim Hunter from the Institute of Licensing. The venue was yet to be determined but the location and final arrangements would be sent to members as soon as possible.

RESOLVED that the arrangements be noted.