

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 25 April 2014 from 10.30am to 10.55am

- ✓ Councillor Brian Grocock (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Dave Smith (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Liaqat Ali
- ✓ Councillor Azad Choudhry
- ✓ Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim
- ✓ Councillor Glyn Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor Gul Khan
- ✓ Councillor Eileen Morley
- ✓ Councillor Jackie Morris
- ✓ Councillor Alex Norris
- ✓ Councillor Bill Ottewell
- ✓ Councillor Mohammed Saghir
- ✓ Councillor Wendy Smith
- ✓ Councillor Roger Steel
- ✓ Councillor Michael Wildgust
- ✓ indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Angela Rawson - Community Protection
- Mark Leavesley - Constitutional Services
- Ann Barrett - Legal Services

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Councillor Jackie Morris (personal)
- Councillor Dave Smith (other City Council business)
- Councillor Mohammed Saghir (other City Council business)

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

18 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

19 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2014

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Community Protection, detailing proposed revisions to the Authority's Statement of Licensing Policy 2014 (The Statement) prior to their submission to Council on 12 May 2014.

Angela Rawson, Licensing Manager, Community Protection, presented the report and stated the following:

- (a) issues relating to cumulative impact and the Council's City Centre Saturation Zone (the Zone) and Policy had been raised during the consultation on the Statement. Further work had been carried out since the Statement had been adopted and a formal request to reconsider the boundaries for the Zone had been received from the Director of Planning and Transport requesting the addition of an area to the west and the removal of an area to the south (SZ2 and SZ3 in appendices 2 and 3 to the report).
- (b) the Crime and Drugs Partnership and Jennifer Guiste, Principal Enforcement Officer, had raised concerns that the effect of cumulative impact had spread beyond the existing designated area and, therefore, proposed the addition of two areas (SZ1 and SZ2 in appendices 2 and 3 to the report) to the Zone. They did not however support the removal of area SZ3 due to the high (and increased) levels of crime and disorder in that area;
- (c) it was proposed that revisions were made to paragraphs 6.32 and 6.33 and appendices B and C of the Statement (detailed in appendix 4 of the report) to reflect these concerns and to address the issue of cumulative impact ;
- (d) the addition of SZ2 will also help to align the Policy with other Council Policies, such as the emerging 'Land and Planning Policies Document' and the 'Time and Place Plan';
- (e) the proposed changes will be reported to Council on 12 May 2014 for authorisation for release for statutory consultation. The outcome of the consultation (including any proposed amendments) shall be reported back to Council later in 2014.

During discussion, the Committee welcomed and supported the proposals and stated that the extensions to the Saturation Zone would assist with a continued reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour, in line with the Licensing Objectives.

RESOLVED to note and support the proposed revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy prior to their submission to Council for authorisation for release for statutory consultation