

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 26 AUGUST 2010

Present: **Councillor Sellar (Chairman), and**
 Councillors FitzGerald, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Hinder,
 Mrs Joy, Naghi, Mrs Parvin, Parvin, Warner and Yates

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

15. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Yates was substituting for Councillor Brindle.

16. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no visiting members.

17. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by members and officers.

18. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

19. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on the agenda be taken in public as proposed.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

21. HOME OFFICE CONSULTATION - "REBALANCING THE LICENSING ACT"

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services on the Home Office consultation document entitled "Rebalancing the Licensing Act" and responding to the questions set out within the consultation document.

RESOLVED: That, subject to the following amendments, the response to the questions set out the Home Office consultation entitled "Rebalancing

the Licensing Act” as set out in Appendix B to the report of the Head of Democratic Services be agreed.

Response 5: Reworded to the following

“Licensing Authorities would seek to publicise policy consultation more widely through Parish Councils, community groups, voluntary groups, residents associations. The consultation would be publicised through the website and council offices including libraries and responses to the consultation could be easier using online responses.”

Response 11: That the words “This is seen as a good idea” are deleted and the following inserted “This is strongly supported”.

Response 15: That after the words “individual properties” the following words added “(eg by reference to size or capacity of premises)”

22. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services on the three yearly review of the statement of licensing policy and to agree a revised draft for consultation purposes.

RESOLVED: That, subject to a number of minor amendments, the draft Statement of Licensing Policy attached to the report of the Head of Democratic Services be agreed for consultation purposes.

23. DURATION OF MEETING

7.36 p.m. to 8.42 p.m.