

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 APRIL 2009

Present: Councillor Parvin (Chairman), and
Councillors Mrs Gibson, Horne, Marshall, Mortimer,
Naghi, Mrs Parvin, Warner, Wilson and Yates

Also Present: Councillors Garland, Mrs Joy, Mrs Ring and
Mrs Wilson

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors FitzGerald, Mrs Hinder and Warner.

84. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The following substitution was noted:-

Councillor Horne for Councillor Mrs Hinder
Councillor Mortimer for Councillor Sellar

85. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillors Garland, Mrs Joy, Mrs Ring and Mrs Wilson indicated that they wished to speak on the joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Prosperity and Regeneration on the Licensing Partnership

86. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures.

87. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

Councillors Naghi and Wilson indicated that they had been lobbied.

88. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

89. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 March 2009 (Part I and II) and 18 March 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.

90. LICENSING PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered the Joint Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Prosperity and Regeneration regarding the proposal to enter into a Partnership with Sevenoaks District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to provide a joint Licensing service. The committee were updated on the financial position and that savings from entering the partnership was £39000 and not £32000 as previously reported. It also stated that it would not be possible to operate the service if retained by the Council without an appointment of an operational manager which would add a further cost of £53000. This meant that the impact for the Council was £92000.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10.40 am to allow Members to have an informal discussion.

The meeting reconvened at 11.15 am.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Cabinet:-

- (i) That the Council should defer entering into the partnership with Sevenoaks District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council until a report setting out the operational details of the partnership working, details of the savings and the specific procedures operational at Maidstone has been submitted to the committee
- (ii) That the Council explore information in regard to alternative partnerships in the Mid Kent cluster

91. DURATION OF MEETING

9.00 am to 11.20 am