# **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE**

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011

<u>Present:</u> Councillor Parvin (Chairman), and

Councillors FitzGerald, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Grigg,

Mrs Hinder, Mrs Joy, Naghi, Mrs Parvin, Warner and

**Yates** 

#### 38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

# 39. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

#### 40. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

#### 41. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

# 42. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

#### 43. EXEMPT ITEMS

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

#### 44. MINUTES

<u>RESOLVED</u>: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

# 45. REGULATED ENTERTAINMENT - A CONSULTATION PROPOSAL TO EXAMINE THE DEREGULATION OF SCHEDULE ONE OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services setting out a suggested response to a consultation from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport proposing to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003 relating to regulated entertainment.

Members expressed their concern about deregulating events for under 5,000 people. This figure was felt to be too high, especially with regard to potential multiple events at neighbouring outdoor sites, no notification of the events and attendees consuming their own alcohol. All of which could have a significant impact in an area.

RESOLVED: That the proposed responses to the questions set out in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport consultation proposal to examine the deregulation of Schedule One of the Licensing Act 2003 relating to regulated entertainment as set out in Appendix B to the report of the Head of Democratic Services be approved, subject to the response being amended to include wording about agreeing deregulation of a smaller number (up to 2,500) would be acceptable; indicating concern about the larger numbers due to no notice of events occurring ,potential multiple events outdoors and attendees consuming their own alcohol which could be a problem and have a significant impact.

#### 46. DURATION OF MEETING

7.01 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.