

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

8 February 2012

PRESENT:

Councillors Humphreys (Chairman), Leytham (Vice Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Bacon, Mrs Bacon, Constable, Drinkwater, Mrs Hancocks, Heath, Lewin, Pearce, Smedley, Taylor and Wilks.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Stanhope (Democratic and Legal Services Portfolio Holder) also attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Warfield

237 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No Declarations of Interest were made.

238 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2011, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

239 HONORARY ALDERMEN

Members were asked to consider the conferring of the title of Honorary Aldermen for former Members of the Lichfield District Council who had rendered eminent service. It was reported that although the District Council had not awarded the Honorary Aldermen title in the past, several other local authorities did.

RECOMMENDED: That the appointment of Honorary Aldermen be agreed and with the implications being noted and accepted.

(COUNCILLOR DRINKWATER DECLARED AN INTEREST AS AN HONORARY ALDERMAN OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

240 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Licensing and Electoral Services Manager reported back to Members on the comments that had been received from the recent review of polling districts and polling places. Further to the previous meeting on 23 November 2011 several proposals for change were put forward to the Members and their merits considered. Overall it was considered that the suggested changes were reasonable and should proceed.

RECOMMENDED: 1) That Elford Village Hall be used instead of the Howard C.P School in the Mease and Tame ward in order to minimise disruption to children's learning;

2) That the Darwin Park Community Hall be held for additional Polling Stations in the Leomansley Ward due to it being more convenient to voters due to closer proximity.

3) That an additional Polling Station be held at the Chase Terrace Primary School for part of the Chase Terrace Ward due to it being more convenient instead of voters having to travel ¾ mile to St Johns Community Church.

241 ANNUAL REVIEW OF LICENCE AND OTHER FEES AND CHARGES 2012/2013 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FUNCTIONS

Members were advised of the proposed annual fees and charges for the Environmental Health Service functions for the forthcoming financial year 2012/13. Members were reminded that this was an annual report that following approval of the Committee would follow on to Council to get the fees ratified before the commencement of the forthcoming financial year.

RECOMMENDED: That from the 1 April 2012, the proposed fees and charges for various types of services undertaken by the Environmental Health Service as detailed in the report be approved

242 NATIONAL FOOD HYGIENE RATING SCHEME

The Environmental Services Manager gave Members a brief overview of the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme which would run along side the already successful 'Rate my Place'. Members were informed that a grant of £71,000 to set up and run the scheme had been secured and was to be split between seven Council authorities, with the District having a larger sum of the grant due to expenditure incurred in setting up of the scheme.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and officers involved be thanked for their work.

243 SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

The Senior Environmental Protection Officer informed Members that the scrap metal theft was costing the country over £770 million a year, hence the Government were in the process of providing new legislation in order to make it a cashless business. Members were informed of the successful enforcement exercises between the Police and the District in 'stop and search' exercises.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and officers be thanked for the work that they had done.

244 VOTE OF THANKS

RESOLVED; That the sincere thanks of the Committee be recorded to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their work for the Committee.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m)