

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2012

PRESENT:

Councillors Leytham (Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Constable, Constable, Drinkwater, Mrs Hancocks, Heath, Lewin, Salter, Smedley, Warfield and Yeates.

(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Derrick (Vice Chairman) and Taylor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No Declarations of Interest were made.

THE POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011 AND LICENSING ACT 2003

Members considered the implications of the key changes to the Licensing Act 2003, introduced by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 following a Central Government consultation in 2010 entitled 'Rebalancing the Licensing Act 2003'. Members were reminded that a previous report on this matter was received on 23 September 2010 from which the Chairman and Vice Chairmen had sent a response on behalf of the Committee for the Government consultation. Members were advised that the purpose of the overhaul of the current licensing regime was to give greater powers to the Licensing Authority and the Police to control licensable activities.

The Environmental Health Manager advised the Members of the changes that the new Act would make to: Temporary Event Notices, the List of Responsible Authorities, the removal of definition of 'interested party' and the 'vicinity test', Early Morning Restriction Orders, Fees, Underage sales, Licensing Policy statements, Alcohol Disorder Zones and the Late Night Levy.

The proposals were agreed by Members subject to the delegation being clarified.

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the proposed changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and the implications resulting from them be noted.

2) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director Community Housing and Health, Strategic Director Democratic and Legal Services, Environmental Health Manager, Licensing and Electoral Services Manager in respect of the Licensing Authority functions continued in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 19.01 p.m)