

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT:

Councillors Humphreys (Chairman), Smith (Vice Chairman), Bacon, Mrs Bland, Constable, Finn, Mrs Hancocks, Heath, McEwan, Smedley and Wilks.

(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs Allsopp, Atkins and Mrs Bacon).

139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bacon declared a Personal Interest in the Item 6 relating to Street Collections 2011 in view of his involvement with the National Poppy Appeal.

Councillor Finn declared a Personal Interest in the Item 6 relating to Street Collections 2011 in view of his involvement with the Greenhill Bower, Macmillan Cancer Support and the National Poppy Appeal.

Councillor Humphreys declared a Personal Interest in the Item 6 relating to Street Collections 2011 in view of his involvement with Burntwood Rotary Club.

Councillor Smith declared a Personal Interest in Item 4 relating to 'Policy for issuing fixed penalty notices to juveniles' in view of his position as a magistrate.

Councillor Wilks declared a Personal Interest in the Item 6 relating to Street Collections 2011 in view of his involvement with Macmillan Cancer Support.

140 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2010, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

141 PROPOSED ADOPTION OF POLICY FOR ISSUING FIXED PENALTY NOTICES TO JUVENILES

Members were asked by the Environmental Health Manger to consider 'the Policy for Issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to Juveniles' which related to environmental crime committed by young people. It was explained that for minor offences instead of prosecution which is the last resort under the magistrate system that the policy would act as an intervention that the Council could use similar to those used by Staffordshire Young People's Service (SYPS) for juvenile criminal matters. There was raised concern on the implementation of the policy regarding the resources and supervision of children aspect of the policy.

RESOLVED; 1) That the report be noted at this stage
2) That a further report be submitted on the implementation, resources and supervision proposals for the policy.

142 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Members were advised of the comments received from the recent consultation exercise in respect of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, which was required under the Licensing Act 2003. As the current policy expired on 7th January 2011 Members were requested for their approval of the proposed policy so that it could go forward to Council on 14 December 2010 for approval.

RESOLVED: That the proposed policy statement be submitted to Council for approval.

143 STREET COLLECTIONS 2011

Members were asked to consider the allocation of Street Collection Permits for 2011 for charitable organisations applications split between Lichfield and Burntwood. They were informed of the current system of rotating permits enabling each organisation a year in either Lichfield or Burntwood, with the exception for those organisations whose activities were concentrated in one area.

RESOLVED: (1) That permits for street collections for the organisations detailed in the report be agreed.

(2) That a schedule of the location and dates of Street Collections for 2011 be issued to all Members of the Council.

144 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: "That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972"

145 LICENSING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Members were updated on issues relating to the insurance of vehicles used as taxis and hackney carriages and on the revised structure of licensing operations adopted by the Police.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

146 AMENDMENTS TO THE FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS (LICHFIELD) ORDER 2009

Members were asked to consider an amendment to the existing Fouling of Land by Dogs (Lichfield) Order 2009 and were advised of the reason for the proposed amendment. It was agreed that the amendment should be made.

RESOLVED: That an amendment to the existing Fouling of Land by Dogs (Lichfield) Order 2009 be made by the substitution of the words "all land" for the words "land specified" in Section 2 of the Order.

(The meeting closed at 6.55 p.m)

CHAIRMAN