

LICENSING COMMITTEE

4 MARCH 2014

Present: County Councillor Marshall (Chairperson);
County Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Boyle, Goddard,
Hudson, Kelloway, McGarry, Murphy, Simmons and
Benjamin Thomas

Apologies: County Councillors Bridges and Morgan

L18 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2014 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

L19 : CONSULTATION ON LOCALLY SET LICENSING FEES

The Home Office has launched a consultation on proposals to move from centrally-set to locally-set fees under the Licensing Act 2003. The Committee received for information a report highlighting some of the proposed changes and requesting approval to make an officer response to the consultation.

The consultation seeks views on:

- whether, and under what circumstances, licensing authorities should be able to charge different licence fees for different types of premises;
- the maximum amount that can be charged;
- the mechanisms that will provide reassurance to fee-payers that fees are being set transparently, at cost, and efficiently encouraged; and
- whether there should be a single national payment date for annual fees.

The Committee discussed the issues set out in the report and the possible impact the proposals would have on licenced premises in the City. The Chairperson requested that Members provided their views on the Home Office consultation document to the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services by the end of the consultation period on 10 April 2014.

RESOLVED – That:

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) Member of the Committee provide any comments on the proposals to the Head of Regulatory and Supporting Services by 10 April 2014;
- (3) the Head of Regulatory Services be authorised to respond to the proposals in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

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Chairperson