

## **ITEM 7            Powers and Duties of the Licensing Committee**

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic (Portfolio: Corporate)

### **Recommended to Council:**

**That the powers and duties of the Licensing Committee to discharge any of the functions exercised by it be as set out in Annex 2 to this report.**

#### **SUMMARY:**

- The existing powers and duties of the Licensing Committee do not reflect the current areas of responsibility of the Committee.
- It is recommended that the existing powers and duties be amended to reflect the actual areas of work for which the Committee is responsible.

### **1            Introduction**

- 1.1    The powers and duties of the Licensing Committee are approved each year in accordance with the Constitution by Annual Council. The current powers and duties appear as Annex 1 to this report.

### **2            Background**

- 2.1    Officers have reviewed the existing powers and duties and discovered that they do not accurately reflect the actual areas of work undertaken by the Committee. In particular the existing powers and duties refer to matters which are no longer the responsibility of the Committee, largely as a result of changes in legislation. Examples of this include registration of door supervisors and licensing of pools promoters. In order to ensure that the powers and duties reflect the actual areas of responsibility of the Committee it is recommended that they be revised as set out in Annex 2 to this report.

### **3            Resource Implications**

- 3.1    None.

### **4            Legal Implications**

- 4.1    There have been occasions when licensing decisions have been appealed and part of the appeal has focused on ensuring the authority's constitution and delegations are correct. Accordingly officers consider it appropriate that the powers and duties are accurate and current.

## **5 Equality Issues**

5.1 None.

## **6 Other Issues**

6.1 Community Safety – none.

6.2 Environmental Health/Sustainability Issues – none.

6.3 Property Issues – none.

6.4 Wards/Communities Affected – none specifically.

## **7 Conclusion**

7.1 The current powers and duties of the Licensing Committee do not reflect the Committee's actual areas of work and so it is recommended that they be revised accordingly.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u> None.			
<u>Confidentiality</u> It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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