

Minutes of the **Licensing Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover
on Thursday 5 November 2015 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor J Budzynski (Chairman)	(P)	Councillor I Richards (Vice-Chairman)	(P)
Councillor N Anderdon	(P)	Councillor A Johnston	(P)
Councillor A Beesley	(A)	Councillor P Lashbrook	(A)
Councillor A Brook	(P)	Councillor P Mutton	(P)
Councillor Z Brooks	(P)	Councillor J Ray	(A)
Councillor D Denny	(P)	Councillor A Tupper	(P)
Councillor D Drew	(P)	Vacancy	
Councillor P Hurst	(A)		

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 10 March and 17 July 2015 be received.

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Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee considered a report of the Licensing Manager which reviewed the Statement of Licensing Policy. The Licensing Manager explained that under the Licensing Act 2003 the policy must be reviewed and republished every 5 years.

A consultation exercise was undertaken between June and September 2015. Only 2 substantive replies were received.

The Licensing Manager informed the Committee that the revised Policy was largely unaltered from the current version. All of the changes within the policy sought to reflect changes to the legislation, reflect current guidance and provide clarification and simplification.

Following questions from Members, the Licensing Manager responded as follows:

- The partnership between TVBC and Hampshire Constabulary remained strong, although due to a reduction in police officers the communication isn't as regular as it had been.
- The Licensing Policy shown at Annex 2 to the report was a guidance for applicants, hence its broad subject reference.

Recommended to Council:

1. That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy published for consultation in June 2015 be recommended for approval by Council, subject to the revisions set out in the report.
2. That the policy be effective for a five year period commencing 7 January 2016 subject to the policy being kept under review and the Council making such revisions to it at such times as it considers appropriate.

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Scheme of Delegations

Resolved:

That the Scheme of Delegations to Officers annexed to the report to Annual Council in so far as it applies to the powers and duties of the Licensing Committee be approved

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Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee be comprised of three members of the Licensing Committee determined in accordance with minute 466 of Licensing Committee 27/01/05, minute 583 of Licensing Committee 20/04/06, minute 109 of Licensing Committee 26/06/07 and minute 126 of Licensing Committee 19/9/2013.

(Meeting terminated at 5:53 pm)