

Minutes of the **Licensing Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in The Annexe, Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey
on 18 July 2019 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor G Bailey
(Chairman)

Councillor I Andersen
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillor D Drew
Councillor A Johnston
Councillor L Lashbrook

Councillor P Lashbrook
Councillor J Parker

Also in attendance
Councillor R Rowles

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Burnage, D Coole, N Daas, N Matthews and R Meyer

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Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2018 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 18 April 2019 be received.

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Licensing Sub-Committee Membership

At its January 2005 meeting (Minute 466 of 27 January refers) the Committee agreed to establish Licensing Sub-Committees comprising three members. As the Licensing Act was silent on a quorum all three members needed to be present. As a result it was also agreed;

- (a) That a Sub-Committee be established comprising three members, and that the membership be drawn from a pool of members consisting of the membership of the Licensing Committee, subject to:
 - (i) as an alternative arrangement those members being selected on the basis of one Liberal Democrat and two other members, and;

- (ii) those members be selected from the Licensing Committee membership list in strict alphabetical order save when it transpires that a member has an interest as defined in the Code of Conduct or the member is a member for or lives within the ward within which an application premises is situated then the next member on the list shall be selected, subject to their availability.
- (b) That the Chairman of the Sub-Committee be rotated amongst all members of the Licensing Committee.

At its September 2013 meeting (Minute 126 of 19 September refers) the Committee considered Licensing Sub-Committee arrangements. Where previously it was agreed that proportionality would apply to Licensing Sub-Committees, it was noted that on occasions this had been difficult to achieve. It was agreed that where possible members would be selected for a Licensing Sub-Committee on the basis of one Liberal Democrat and two other members.

Members proposed that the wording of the recommendation be altered to read that where possible, the three members will be selected on the basis that they will not all be from the same political party or group. Members also queried the fact that the recommendation no longer referred to any training requirements prior to attending a Licensing Sub-Committee.

Resolved:

That the membership of the Licensing Sub-Committee be comprised of three members drawn from the Licensing Committee, subject to members having undergone appropriate training. Those members would be selected in strict alphabetical order, save when it transpires that a member has an interest as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct or the member was a member for or lives within the ward within which an application premises is situated. In the event of a member selected becoming unavailable to attend a hearing, then the Head of Legal and Democratic Services would select a replacement in accordance with the above arrangements. Where possible, those members would be selected on a basis that they will not all be from the same political party or group.

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Scheme of Delegations to Officers

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.

(The meeting terminated at 5.37 pm)