

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE (Licensing Act 2003 Functions)

6.00 PM – 6 JANUARY 2005

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Turner (Chair); Councillors Allen, Carden, Mrs Cobb, Hyde (Deputy Chair), Lepper (Deputy Chair), Meegan, Older, Pennington, Pidgeon, Mrs Simson, G Theobald, Watkins, Williams and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

4. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

4A. Declarations of Substitutes

4.1 There were no substitutes.

4B. Declarations of Interest

4.2 There were none.

4C. Exclusion of Press and Public

4.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

4.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2004

5.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003 - LICENSING PANEL

6.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director, Strategy and Governance that sought formal approval of the establishment of its Sub-Committee, the Licensing Panel (see minute book).

6.2 Members were informed that one panel consisting of 3 Members would be established to deal with cases where a hearing is required under the Licensing Act 2003, and that all other Members of the Licensing Committee would be eligible to serve as substitutes on the Panel. In practice, it was advisable that four Members should be available at the start of each meeting, to cover the possibility of a Member having a prejudicial interest and therefore not being able to take part in the Panel.

6.2 The Chair informed Members that the Chair and Deputy Chairs had arranged to meet with officers to discuss the practical arrangements for setting up the Licensing Panel. Members of the Licensing Committee would be fully informed of these arrangements.

6.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Licensing Committee – Licensing Act 2003, formally confirm the establishment of its Sub-Committee, the Licensing Panel in the terms agreed at full Council on the 22nd April 2004 and which are reflected in the terms of reference for the Licensing Panel in the Council's Constitution appended to the officers' report.

(2) That the Chair, and two deputy chairs be appointed as the named Members of the Licensing Panel, with all other Members of the Licensing Committee eligible to serve as substitutes.

The meeting concluded at 6.15 p.m.