

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

Committee: Council

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Member Body	Report No.
<p>1. LICENSING COMMITTEE – 17 JUNE 2015</p> <p><u>Licensing Sub-Committees – Officer Delegations</u></p> <p>The Committee considered a report, which outlined proposals for future Licensing Sub-Committees.</p> <p>The Principal Democratic Officer advised the Committee that in the past Licensing Sub-Committees, consisting of three Members with one Reserve, had been selected on a rotational basis to deal with hearings. This had resulted in a challenge to achieve consistency due to Members only attending hearings irregularly. Following the recent elections, this rotational system would no longer work as there was now only one opposition Member available to serve. Therefore this meant that a fixed sub-committee was a reasonable solution. The proposal was to have a sub-committee consisting of five fixed Members, with a quorum of three. This would allow those Members to build up their skills and experience and would make the administration much better.</p> <p>Also in the past, applications with difficult issues went to a hearing but so did other matters where things were more clear-cut and which should not have required a hearing to decide. It was proposed that officers be given delegated authority to make decisions on applications and whether they should go before Members at a hearing.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to the system for the new Licensing Sub-Committee and appointed Councillors Chris Morris, Julia Huffer, Carol Sennitt, Vince Campbell and Sue Austen as its Members.</p>	<p>Q11 (attached at Appendix A)</p>

The Committee also agreed to amend the officer delegations as regards decisions on licences.

It was resolved:

- (i) That the Terms of reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee be revised as attached at Appendix 1 on the basis of a fixed membership of 5 (4 Conservatives and 1 Lib Dem) with a quorum of 3 and that Councillors Sue Austen, Vince Campbell, Julia Huffer, Chris Morris and Carol Sennitt be appointed to that Sub-Committee.

It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

- (ii) That full Council be requested to authorise the Principal Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendments to the Officer Delegations in the Terms of Reference for the Licensing Committee within the Constitution, to enable the Environmental Services Manager or Director Regulatory Services to grant, refuse, renew, suspend or revoke licences, unless the Environmental Services Manager or Director Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, decide that the matter should be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.**