

A meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** will be held in the **GREAT HALL, PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS** on **WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2009** at the conclusion of the meeting of the **Licensing and Protection Panel** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

APOLOGIES

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman of the Committee.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5th November 2008.

3. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda Item. Please see notes 1 and 2 below.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

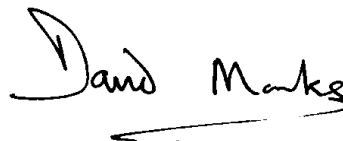
To appoint Members of the Committee to three Groups, from which the Director of Central Services, after consultation with the Chairman, is authorised to convene Sub-Committee hearings comprising three Members.

In 2008/09, the following appointments were made-

- Group (1) i. Councillors Sadler, Baker and Farrer;
ii. Councillors Sadler, Baker and Watt;
iii. Councillors Sadler, Farrer and Watt;
iv. Councillors Baker, Farrer and Watt.
- Group (2) i. Councillors Bell, Dutton and Thorpe;
ii. Councillors Bell, Dutton and Powell;
iii. Councillors Bell, GSE Thorpe and Powell;
iv. Councillors Dutton, GSE Thorpe and Powell.
- Group (3) i. The late Councillor Muir, Councillors Eaton and Hansard;
ii. The late Councillor Muir, Councillors, Eaton and Sanderson;

- iii. The late Councillor Muir, Councillor Hansard and Sanderson;
- iv. Councillors Eaton, Hansard and Sanderson.

Dated this 5th day of May 2009



Chief Executive

Notes

1. *A personal interest exists where a decision on a matter would affect to a greater extent than other people in the District –*
 - (a) *the well-being, financial position, employment or business of the Councillor, their family or any person with whom they had a close association;*
 - (b) *a body employing those persons, any firm in which they are a partner and any company of which they are directors;*
 - (c) *any corporate body in which those persons have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000; or*
 - (d) *the Councillor's registerable financial and other interests.*
2. *A personal interest becomes a prejudicial interest where a member of the public (who has knowledge of the circumstances) would reasonably regard the Member's personal interest as being so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement of the public interest.*

Please contact Ms C Deller, Democratic Services Manager, Tel No 01480 388007/e-mail: Christine.Deller@huntsdc.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting as observers except during consideration of confidential or exempt items of business.

Agenda and enclosures can be viewed on the District Council's website – www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk (*under Councils and Democracy*).

If you would like a translation of Agenda/Minutes/Reports or would like a large text version or an audio version please contact the Democratic Services Manager and we will try to accommodate your needs.

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Agenda Item 2

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 5th November 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor J Sadler – Chairman.

Councillors K M Baker, J T Bell, J J Dutton, R W J Eaton, R S Farrer, A Hansard, R Powell, T D Sanderson and J S Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors I R Muir and G S E Thorpe.

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th June 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

14. ALCOHOL, ENTERTAINMENT AND LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT LICENSING.

Members noted the contents of a report by the Licensing Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) on Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing. The Committee was advised that statistical information had been requested by the Department of Culture Media and Sport on the number of licences and certificates in force and the number of applications received during the period 1st April 2007 – 31st March 2008. The statistics, a copy of which was appended to the report now submitted had provided a useful overview of the scale of the impact of the Licensing Act within the district.

Members were advised that although, nationally, it had been suggested the number of 'Live Music' licences had declined, over 50% of the licences issued by the Council for alcohol consumption on the premises permitted live music. The number of personal licences in force in Huntingdonshire had grown by 18% to 1047 but Members were reminded that this did not present an accurate reflection of the number of personal licence holders currently authorising sales in the district as the licences had nationwide validity.

The Committee was updated by the Head of Administration on the national statistics recently published by the DCMS which appeared to show that the number of premises licences had increased over the past year contrary to media reports that suggested a high number of premises closures.

The Licensing Manager took the opportunity to update the Committee

on some of the work carried out by the Section which included attendance at Pubwatch meetings, Neighbourhood Panel meetings and Joint Action Group meetings. Mediation also was undertaken involving licensees and neighbours.

The Committee was reminded of the plethora of organisations now involved in tackling the problems associated with alcohol abuse and related public disorder and the need for improved liaison and co-ordination to prevent duplication and achieve results.

15. ALCOHOL DISORDER ZONES

The Committee received and noted a report by the Head of Administration on the new powers to designate Alcohol Disorder Zones (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book). It was explained that the use of such measures was intended to be a last resort when problems relating to alcohol consumption were unable to be attributed to an individual licensed premises and could not be dealt with by other means. It was explained that as ADZs could not be applied to problems such as late night food outlets or litter, and would therefore be inappropriate in the context of the concern shown by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) over the cases of excess litter in St Ives on Sunday mornings.

Chairman