



**NORWICH**  
City Council

## MINUTES

### LICENSING COMMITTEE

**4.30pm to 4.55pm**

**3 October 2013**

Present: Councillors Gayton (chair), Haynes (vice chair), Barker, Button, Harris, Henderson, Maxwell, Price, Stammers, Stephenson, Thomas and Wright

Apologies: Councillor Gihawi

#### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

(Councillors Henderson and Price subsequently declared under item 3 below that they had participated in responding to the council's public consultation on early morning alcohol restriction orders (EMROs) in relation to zone 1. The solicitor (nplaw) advised them that they had no conflict of interest in considering the procedures for consideration of the representations received regarding the council's proposal for EMROs at this meeting. However he advised Councillors Henderson and Price that as they had responded to the consultation, in their capacity as Thorpe Hamlet ward councillors, they could be considered to have a pre-determined view and that it would be advisable that they were not appointed to the subcommittees delegated with the authority to make recommendations on the proposals to full council.)

#### **2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2013.

#### **3. POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011 – EARLY MORNING RESTRICTION ORDERS**

The licensing manager presented the report and answered members' questions. Members were advised that since the publication of the report, it had been proposed that the order of the hearings should be amended so that zone 3 was considered on Tuesday 22 October 2013 and zone 2 on Wednesday 23 October 2013. The council had appointed a barrister who would be representing the licensing authority at two of

the three hearings. The solicitor would be in attendance to advise the panel at all the hearings.

Discussion ensued on appointments to the subcommittees. Members agreed that it would be advantageous for the same five members to be present at all three hearings and that the subcommittee should be politically balanced to reflect the composition of the council. It was also noted that the subcommittee would need to meet within ten days of the last hearing to reach its determination.

Councillor Price referred to appendix B of the report and suggested that should an EMRO not be adopted the recommendations to council included provision for a review it within a set period in the future. He pointed out that the council's licensing policy would need to be amended to account for the review of adopted EMROs to monitor the effectiveness of the order against the council's licensing objectives, and suggested that this should be 12 months from the date of the order being made. Members considered that the subcommittee would need to take this into consideration when reaching its determination on its recommendations to council.

**RESOLVED**, unanimously, to:

- (1) appoint the following members of this committee to form a subcommittee to consider the relevant representation received regarding the council's proposal to introduce three separate EMROs under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011:

Councillor Gayton (chair)  
Councillor Haynes (vice chair)  
Councillor Button  
Councillor Stammers  
Councillor Wright

- (2) delegate authority to this licensing subcommittee to make recommendations on the proposals to full council, following consideration of the relevant representations in respect of each of the proposed separate EMROs.

#### **4. STANDING ITEM – REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the regulatory subcommittee meeting held on 22 July 2013, 19 August 2013 and 16 September 2013.