



LICENSING COMMITTEE

4.35pm to 6:30pm

12 June 2014

Present: Councillors Button (chair) Ackroyd, Barker, Bogelein, Brociek-Coulton, Gayton, Gihawi, Henderson, Jones, Maxwell, Price, Woollard

Apologies: Councillor Stammers

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Gayton as the vice chair.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014

4. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Members received induction training on licensing protocols and processes. This consisted of watching an instructional DVD and receiving guidance and advice from NPLaw and the licensing manager.

5. PET SHOP MODEL CONDITIONS

The licensing manager presented the report. He informed members that pet shops were inspected annually and over the last 12 months, had also been assessed against the criteria set out in the model conditions and were found to already meet these.

RESOLVED to adopt the revised model conditions and to attach these to all pet shop licences issued under the Pet Animals Act 1951.

6. THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (MANDATORY LICENSING CONDITIONS) ORDER 2014

The licensing manager presented the report. He highlighted the difference between the unit price and individual drink price.

In response to a member's question, the licensing manager said that 'happy hour' promotions were not banned unless they led to irresponsible drinking. This was enforced by the police and if it led to irresponsible behaviour on a regular basis, the premises would be reprimanded and the licence reviewed.

The price of alcohol was enforced by the police, trading standards and the council's enforcement team. He said that Norwich City Council had written to the government in support of having a national minimum price for alcohol and were currently involved in running a 'Reduce the Strength' campaign aimed at younger people of legal drinking age. The Co-Op in East Anglia had removed high strength cheap alcohol from its shelves as part of this campaign.

RESOLVED to:

1. Note the report; and
2. To ask the licensing manager to bring an update of businesses signed up to the 'Reduce the Strength' campaign to the next meeting of the licensing committee.

7. STANDING ITEM – REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the regulatory subcommittee meetings held on held on 17 March 2014 and 12 May 2014.

CHAIR