LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, 26th AUGUST, 2014

Present – Councillors A. Connell (Chairman), D. Burrows, J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Mrs Fairclough, Hall, Haslam, Murray, Sherrington (as deputy for Councillor Kay), Mrs Swarbrick and Wild.

Councillor A. Connell in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones and Kay.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Committee held on 17th June, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

8. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (TRAFFIC MATTERS)

The minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Traffic Matters) held on 24th June, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

9. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (SENSITIVE CASES)

The minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Sensitive Cases) held on 22nd July, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

10. APPLICATION TO RENEW A SEX SHOP LICENCE LER/25/14

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which requested members to consider an application to renew a sex shop licence in respect of premises at 201 St. George's Road, Bolton.

The application had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act and no objections had been received.

Resolved - That the application to renew the sex shop licence at 201 St. George's Road, Bolton be granted.

11. APPLICATION TO RENEW A SEX SHOP LICENCE LER/27/14

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which requested members to consider an application to renew a sex shop licence in respect of premises at the rear of 72 Newport Street, Bolton.

The application had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act and no objections had been received.

Resolved - That the application to renew the sex shop licence at the rear of 72 Newport Street, Bolton be granted.

12. APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT FOR AMUSEMENT WITH PRIZES (AWP) GAMING

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of an application for a permit for Amusement with Prizes (AWP) gaming machines in a public house.

By way of background information, the report explained that the Licensing Team had received an application which related to Capitol, 37-41 Churchgate, Bolton. BL1 1HU.

The application was submitted by the holder of the premises licence, Amber Taverns Ltd.

The application was for a new permit and requested permission for four AWP machines.

The Committee was advised that no complaints concerning the presence of the operation of the existing machines had been received.

The permit duration was indefinite as it was linked to the Licensing Act, 2003 Premises Licence.

Resolved – That the application for a new Gaming Machine Permit in relation to Capitol, 37-41 Churchgate, Bolton. BI1 1HU be granted, as set out in the report.

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

14. APPLICATION FOR A PET SHOP LICENCE LER/28/14

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which asked members to consider the renewal application for a licence to keep a pet shop under the Pet Animals Act, 1951.It was explained that the Trading Standards Team had received, on 9th January, 2014, a renewal application for a pet shop licence.

The Committee also heard verbal representations from the Licensing Officers and written and verbal representations from the applicant.

Resolved – That, following consideration of all the evidence, a decision on whether to grant a Pet Shop Licence be deferred pending the outcome of a further up to date inspection of the premises, the production of relevant paperwork by the applicant showing that the premises are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the agencies referred to in the report and the production of an independent Council commissioned veterinary surgeon's report, ideally to the next meeting of this Committee.

(The meeting started at 3.00pm and finished at 6.09pm)