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# **Licensing Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Warren Room, Lewes House, 32 High Street, Lewes on Wednesday, 5 October 2011 at 10.00am

## Present:

Councillor A X Smith (Chair)
Councillors G R Amy, S J Gauntlett, J Stockdale and C Sugarman.

## **Officers Present:**

Mr T Albright, Environmental Health Manager
Ms Z Downton, Committee Officer
Ms J Fletcher, Trainee Solicitor
Mr E Hele. Principal Environmental Health Officer

Minutes Action

## 5 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

# 6 Apologies for Absence/Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors C J Butler, P Gander, C R O'Keeffe, R Robertson and B M Warren.

# 7 Street Trading near Amex Stadium Falmer

The Committee considered Report No 161/11, which set out the findings of the 28 day consultation on the Licensing Committee's preliminary decision to prohibit street trading within a one mile radius of the new Amex Community Stadium, Falmer, East Sussex.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer took councillors through the Report. The Committee had previously met on 10 August 2011 to consider the need to regulate street trading in the vicinity of the new Amex Community Stadium, Falmer. At that meeting, the Committee had resolved that officers be authorised to publicise the Committee's preliminary decision to designate prohibited streets, in accordance with the provisions set out in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. The Committee was requested to reconvene once the 28 day period had

elapsed in order to consider the representations, if any, that had been received and to pass a final resolution.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer explained that an advertisement had been placed in the Sussex Express newspaper on 19 August 2011. During the consultation period no comments had been received from interested parties regarding the Committee's preliminary decision. He continued to explain that Sussex Police and the Highways Authority at East Sussex County Council had been notified of the Council's intention to designate prohibited streets and email confirmation had been received from both authorities in response to state that no representations would be made.

In response to a councillor's question, the Principal Environmental Health Officer confirmed that the ward councillor for the area concerned had been informed of the Committees' preliminary decision and would be informed of the outcome of this meeting. The Environmental Health Manager explained that the District's Town and Parish clerks would also be notified of the decision to designate prohibited streets.

The Committee discussed whether it would be useful to issue a press release to advertise the Council's final decision to prohibit street trading. The Principal Environmental Health Officer explained that a public notice would also be issued in accordance with the procedure to designate prohibited streets.

The Trainee Solicitor advised that the Committee should decide upon the publication date of the public notice and suggested it be released on 14 October 2011. She explained that, in accordance with the procedure to designate prohibited streets, a notification period of 28 days would then follow and the enforcement to designate prohibited streets would be implemented from 14 November 2011.

## Resolved:

- 7.1 That the lack of responses to the 28 day consultation period on the Licensing Committee's preliminary decision to designate prohibited streets within a one mile radius of the AMEX Stadium, Falmer be noted;
- 7.2 That the Licensing Committee's preliminary decision to designate prohibited streets within a one mile radius of the AMEX Stadium. Falmer be confirmed:
- 7.3 That the Council's officers be authorised to advertise/publicise the Licensing Committee's decision in accordance with the provisions set out in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; and

7.4 That the Council's officers be authorised to undertake the necessary steps to designate prohibited streets within a one mile radius of the

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AMEX Stadium, Falmer.

7.5 That the Environmental Health Manager be requested to liaise with the Head of Communications to arrange for a press release regarding the Licensing Committee's final decision to designate prohibited streets in the vicinity of the AMEX Stadium, Falmer to be issued in conjunction with the implementation date of the enforcement on 14 November 2011.

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EHM/HC (DPES to note)

# 8 Date of Next Meeting

# Resolved:

**8.1** That it be noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be called as necessary.

DPES/CO (to note)

The meeting ended at 10.13am.

A X Smith Chair