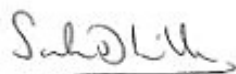




Licensing Committee

Members of the **Licensing Committee** of **Gravesham Borough Council** are summoned to attend a meeting to be held at the Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent on **Wednesday, 7 March 2012 at 7.30pm** when the business specified in the following agenda is proposed to be transacted.



S Kilkie
Assistant Director (Communities)

Agenda

Part A

Items likely to be considered in Public

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the minutes of the previous meeting. (Pages 1 - 2)
3. To declare any interests members may have in the items contained on this agenda. When declaring an interest a member must state what their interest is.
4. To consider whether any items in Part A of the agenda should be considered in private or the items in Part B in public.
5. Presentation on the forthcoming changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and the implications for GBC - Chris Hills
Please note: there are no accompanying papers for this item.
6. Any Other Business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
7. Exclusion of the Public

To move, if required, that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from any items included in Part B of the agenda because it is likely in view of the nature of business to be transacted that if members of the public are present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Part B

Items likely to be considered in private

Members

Cllr John Loughlin (Chair)
Cllr Richard Smith (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Valerie Ashenden
Gurdip Ram Bungar
Harold Craske
Jane Cribbon
Colin Dennis
Greta Goatley
Leslie Hills
William Lambert
Lyn Milner
Leslie Pearton
Derek Sales
Makhan Singh
Bryan Sweetland

Substitutes: Colin Caller
John Caller
John Cubitt
Les Howes
Derek Shelbrooke
Michael Wenban

Licensing Committee**Tuesday, 20 September 2011****7.30pm****Present:**

Cllr John Loughlin (Chair)
Cllr Richard Smith (Vice-Chair)

Cllrs: Gurdip Ram Bungar
 Harold Craske
 Colin Dennis
 Greta Goatley
 Leslie Hills
 William Lambert
 Lyn Milner
 Leslie Pearton
 Derek Sales
 Makhan Singh

Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
Esther Flinders	Trading Standards Officer
Carlie Plowman	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant

20. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Bryan Sweetland.

21. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

22. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2011 were signed by the Chair.

23. Presentation from the Trading Standards Officer

The Trading Standards Officer gave a presentation on the work they undertake.

Trading Standards aims to make Kent a better place to live and do business. It enforces a wide range of legislation to protect the consumer and ensure that businesses compete on a 'level playing field'.

Its operational work covers a broad range of activities including:-

- farm animal welfare and disease;
- agriculture;

- product safety;
- consumer credit;
- underage sales; and
- fair and safe trading.

The Committee was informed of the operation that is undertaken by Trading Standards to prevent the supply of harmful age-restricted goods, such as alcohol, to underage young people.

Members were invited to raise any questions that they may have.

The Committee thanked the Trading Standards Officer for an interesting and informative presentation.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

24. Presentation from the Senior Licensing Officer

The Senior Licensing Officer gave a presentation on licensing inspections.

The main topics covered by the presentation were:-

- Types of Visits by Licensing Officer;
- The Format of a Routine Inspection;
- The Written Report;
- Further action available; and
- Gravesham's Enforcement Policy.

Members were invited to raise any questions they may have.

The Committee thanked the Senior Licensing Officer for an interesting and informative presentation.

Resolved that the presentation be noted.

25. Minutes of the Licensing Panel

The Committee received the Minutes of the Licensing Panels held on 19 April, 16 June, 20 July and 23 August 2011.

Resolved that the Minutes be noted.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.