

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
(Licensing Act 2003 Functions)**

4.21 PM – 14 APRIL 2005

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Lepper (Chair); Councillors Allen, Carden, Mrs Cobb, Hyde (Deputy Chair), Meegan, Older, Pennington, Pidgeon, Mrs Simson, Turner, Watkins (Deputy Chair), Williams and Wrighton.

PART ONE

ACTION

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR REMAINDER OF MUNICIPAL YEAR

7.1 **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Lepper be elected as Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR REMAINDER OF MUNICIPAL YEAR

8.1 **RESOLVED** – That Councillor Watkins be elected as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

[Note: Councillor Hyde remains a deputy chair. Councillor Watkins was elected in place of Councillor Lepper, who now takes the chair.]

9. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

9A. Declarations of Substitutes

9.1 There were no declarations of substitutes.

9B. Declarations of Interest

9.2 There were none.

9C. Exclusion of Press and Public

9.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public

were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

9.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

10. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2005

10.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

11.1 There were no public questions.

12. LICENSING ACT 2003 – UPDATE

12.1 The Committee received an update on arrangements for the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003. The Licensing and Projects Manager informed Members that officers had sent information packs to all licensed premises and holders of personal licenses in Brighton & Hove. Officers were also talking to trade associations and would ring some of the licensees. Only a few applications had been received to date.

12.2 The Licensing and Projects Manager reported that applicants had to submit plans and this was causing delays. Officers were doing everything they could to advise applicants. No Licensing Panels had been arranged to date. Meanwhile, officers were being recruited within Environmental Health and Licensing to help with the administration of the new licensing arrangements.

12.3 The Police representative informed Members that it appeared that larger organisations wanted to reapply for licenses till 3.00 am or 4.00 a.m rather than apply for 24 hour licences.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005