

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing
Committee held at Surrey Heath House,
Camberley on 1 December 2010**

+ Cllr David Hamilton – Chairman
+ Cllr Bruce Mansell – Vice Chairman

+ Cllr Rodney Bates	- Cllr Anji Patterson
+ Cllr Bill Chapman	- Cllr Mrs Patricia Pearce
- Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman	- Cllr Audrey Roxburgh
- Cllr Mohammed Chaudry	+ Cllr Stewart Stevenson
- Cllr Mike Drew	+ Cllr Gret Woodason
+ Cllr Surinder Gandhum	vacancy
+ Cllr Paul Ilnicki	

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

006/L Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

PART I
(public)

007/L Sexual Entertainment Venues

At its meeting on 15 September 2010 the Licensing Committee had been advised that changes to the Policing and Crime Act 2009 had resulted in lap-dancing and striptease venues being categorised as sexual entertainment venues. The effect of this amendment was to move activities such as lap-dancing and pole-dancing into the licensing regime under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; the Council would consequently need to adopt the amended legislation.

The Committee was informed that once the Council had adopted the schedule it would need to revise its existing Sex Establishments Licensing Policy, which had been adopted by the Licensing Committee on 11 February 2003. The current policy only made provision for sex cinemas and sex shops and would need to incorporate lap-dancing and striptease venues. Furthermore, the policy adopted in 2003 had determined that the appropriate number of sexual entertainment venues in the borough was nil, which would need to be changed as it was no longer possible for authorities to establish a nil policy.

The revised policy would contain criteria such as the locations and the hours under which the Council would consider granting a licence. Members noted that, by adopting the schedule, the Council would be able to exercise control over sexual entertainment venues in the borough; if it failed to adopt the legislation it would have no legal control over sexual entertainment venues.

The Committee would receive the finalised policy in September 2011, which would be recommended to Council for adoption in October 2011. This would follow 3 months of borough wide consultation, which would include consultation with statutory bodies such as the Police, Neighbourhood Watch groups and Parish Councils. The

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Senior Environmental Health officer informed the Committee that she would work alongside other Surrey authorities as they developed their policies.

RECOMMENDED that

- (i) the amended provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by virtue of Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2011; and**
- (ii) the Senior Environmental Health Officer be authorised to carry out the necessary advertising requirements to comply with Section 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended.**

RESOLVED that the timetable for adoption of the Sexual Establishments Policy, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report, be adopted.

008/L Urgent Action

The Committee was advised that Urgent Action had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee and the Head of Service had been consulted.

The current street collection policy stated that the Royal British Legion could conduct a charity collection on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to Remembrance Sunday. In 2010 Remembrance Sunday had fallen on 14th November. However, the Camberley branch of the Legion did not collect past the 11 November; the Urgent Action therefore authorised the amendment of the policy to allow the Legion to collect on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November. The Committee noted that the Urgent Action had not resulted in any increase to the number of days on which the Legion could collect for its charity.

RESOLVED that the Urgent Action be noted.

009/L Licensing Act 2003 – Summary of Decisions

The Committee received details of the decisions taken under delegated powers in respect of licence applications where no representations had been received from the responsible authorities or interested parties.

CHAIRMAN