

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE (2003 LICENSING ACT)**  
**05 September 2006, 6pm start**

Councillors: Beacham\*, Bloch, Demirci\*, Dobbie\*, Lister, Mughal, Patel (Chair)\*, Peacock (Vice-Chair), Reid\*, and Vanier\*.

\* denotes members present

**LC16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (Agenda Item 1):

Apologies were received from Councillors Mughal, Bloch, Peacock, and Lister.

**LC17 URGENT BUSINESS** (Agenda Item 2):

No items of urgent business were received.

**LC18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Agenda Item 3):

No declarations of personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

**LC19 MINUTES** (Agenda Item 4):

The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 6 June 2006 and 8 August 2006.

**LC20 PROCEEDURAL ADVICE TO MEMBERS** (Agenda Item 5):

There was a short Report of the Head of Legal Services which focussed on the regulations of the Licensing Procedures Rules in respect of anonymous complaints, participation and conduct, and lobbying. The legal representative, Maria Bilbao, gave confirmation and clarity on the issue of Members' "interests" and highlighted that what would constitute a personal or prejudicial interest. There was a brief discussion on political bias amongst licensing sub-committee membership, but it was confirmed by Ms Bilbao that political persuasion should not influence the outcome of a licensing hearing – these should be strictly considered on their individual merit and in line with the four licensing objectives.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee agree to the recommendations in the report, namely:

- (i) To note the advice set out in Appendix 1 to the Head of Legal Service's report and to agree that this be circulated to all Members of the Council.
- (ii) To note the advice set out in Appendix 2 of the said report.

**LC21 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

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**The meeting ended at 18:45.**

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**Councillor JAYANTI PATEL**  
Chair of the Licensing Committee 2006/7

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