

LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

14 January 2004

Attendance:

Councillors:

Carter (Chairman) (P)

Baxter (P)
Bennetts (P)
Coates (P)
Evans (P)
Hammerton

Johnston (P)
Mather (P)
Maynard (P)
Pines (P)
Sutton (P)

Also in Attendance

Councillor Wagner (Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing)

951. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Hammerton and her deputy, Councillor Hoare.

952. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 5 November and 3 December 2003 be approved and adopted.

953. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

954. **APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PERMITTED HOURS OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE – GUILDHALL TAVERN, COLEBROOK STREET, WINCHESTER**

(Report LR96 refers)

Members considered the above licensing application in accordance with the procedure note approved by the Licensing Sub Committee on 18th September 1995 (minute 95 refers).

In response to a Member's question, the Licensing and Registration Officer advised that there were Council policy guidelines in place for opening hours on Saturday and Sunday evenings, but not for other evenings.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Sergeant French addressed the Committee and expressed his concerns about the possible implications on crime and disorder in the vicinity of the premises and along the route home to student accommodation. He also explained that current Police resources were not sufficient to cope with disturbances after 1am on weekdays.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the licensee, Mr Newberry, and his representative, Mr Henderson, addressed the Committee. Mr Henderson explained that admittance on a Monday night was restricted to students. He continued that the appropriate number of door staff were employed and that there had never been an incident on a Monday night.

In response to Members' questions, Mr Henderson advised that door staff were responsible for ensuring the queue was kept orderly, and that CCTV cameras were used both inside the premises and on the entrance.

As a Ward Member, Councillor Mather addressed the Committee and expressed her concern that students walking along the route from the Guildhall Tavern to student accommodation at King Alfred's College, late at night, might cause disturbance to residents in properties along those routes.

The Committee retired to deliberate in camera.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman stated that in reaching its decision, the Committee had considered the application, the case presented by the applicant together with the observations of the Police, and Officers. They also had regard to the Council's responsibilities under the Human Rights Act and Crime and Disorder Act.

RESOLVED:

That taking into account the comments of the Police and the Director of Health and Housing, and the effect on crime and disorder and the potential problems with noise nuisance in the area if the application were to be granted, the variation be not granted and that the permitted hours of entertainment remain as existing.

955. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET 2004/05**
(Report HE17 refers)

The Director of Health and Housing explained that the existing Animal Licensing fees had remained constant for several years. It was proposed that the fees be increased to cover costs of officer time and veterinary inspections.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Wagner, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing addressed the Committee. He advised that, within the budget, there had been limited scope for savings to enable growth, and therefore, it was proposed that income be increased in some areas. He believed that the increase of Animal Licensing fees was reasonable and justifiable.

RESOLVED:

That the revised Animal Licensing charges as outlined in paragraph 4.2 a) of the above report be approved.

956. **CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET 2004/05**
(Report CEN45 refers)

The Committee considered the proposed increase of Licensing Fees within the above report, noting the increase was comparable to the rate of inflation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to increase all licensing fees and charges, (other than for hackney carriage/private hire vehicle and operators' licences) on the basis outlined in Appendix I with effect from 1 April 2004.

2. That public notice be given of the proposed increases in hackney carriage/private hire vehicle and operators' licences as set out in Appendix H to the above report, to come into effect at the end of the objection period if the City Secretary and Solicitor considers that there were no material objections and in the event of objections being received the matter be brought back to the Committee.

957. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
958 & 959	Complaint Regarding Licensed Hackney Carriage Driver) Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of any service provided by the authority. (Para 4 to Schedule 12a refers).

958. **COMPLAINT REGARDING LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER**
(Report LR97 refers)

The Committee considered the above report (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 10.05pm