

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE
Havering Town Hall
31 March 2011 (7.30pm – 8.15pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Conservative Group	Peter Gardner (in the Chair), Georgina Galpin, Frederick Thompson, and Melvin Wallace
Residents' Group	Linda Van den Hende
Labour Group	Denis Breeding
Independent Residents' Group	Mark Logan

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robert Benham, Linda Trew, Lynden Thorpe and Brian Eagling. Councillor Mark Logan was absent.

Also in attendance were Councillor Geoff Starns and Detective Inspector Mick Bates – Havering Police Town Centre Inspector.

No Member declared an interest in the business before the meeting.

The Chairman reminded Members of action to be taken in the event of an emergency.

7. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record subject to spelling corrections and signed by the Chairman

8. APPROVAL OF HAVERING'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY FOR THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The report before the Committee sought the authorisation to commence a consultation on the adoption of schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 and the draft sex establishment licensing policy.

The report informed the Committee that the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (PCA09) created a new category of sex establishment, i.e. the sexual entertainment venue. Section 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 [LG (MP) A82] was amended by the PCA09 and

provided for the adoption of the provisions contained in schedule 3 of this Act. This would allow the 'appropriate authorities' to control, by way of a licensing regime, sex establishments. It was noted that PCA09 came into effect on 6 April 2010.

There was no requirement on a local authority to adopt the amendments to Schedule 3, but if the council decided to undertake this consultation, then the existing policy under the unamended Schedule 3 would continue to apply. This would mean that adult entertainment including lap dancing may be licensed under the Licensing Act 2003 as a category of "music and dancing".

During general debate of the report, Members requested that data available on the Council website in relation to respective wards be reviewed and updated as some that related to the report were out of date. It was suggested that the updated information be available in the report on completion of the consultation.

RESOLVED

The Committee noted the details of the report and agreed

- (1) to adopt Schedule 3 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and

The Committee also agreed for the following report go out for consultation:

The draft sex establishment licensing policy.

A copy of the Havering Draft Statement of Licensing Policy is on display in the Members' Resources Room.

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CHAIRMAN

Date: