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## NOTICE OF MEETING

### LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date & Time

**Wednesday, 7 August 2013 9.30 a.m.**

Venue at

**Council Chamber, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

To: The Chairman and Members of the LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Cllrs Mrs M Mustoe (Chairman), K Janes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs A Barker, R D Berry, D Bowater, I Dalgarno, C C Gomm, R B Pepworth, A Shadbolt, I Shingler and N Warren

[Named Substitutes:

L Birt, Mrs J G Lawrence, Ms C Maudlin, D McVicar, J Murray,  
J A G Saunders and J N Young]

All other Members of the Council - on request

***MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING***

# AGENDA

1. **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies for absence and notification of Substitute members.

2. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements and matters of communication from the Chairman.

3. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 8 May 2013 and 6 June 2013.

4. **Petitions**

To receive any questions in accordance with the Scheme of Public Participation set out in Annex 2 in Part A4 of the Constitution.

5. **Member's Interests**

To receive from members any declarations of Interest.

<b>Reports</b>
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6.	<b>Application for a Private Hire Operator Licence</b>  To consider a report of the Director of Community Services seeking a decision whether or not to grant a Private Hire Operators Licence to Mr M S in view of the proposed Operator premises.	* 1	11 - 28
7.	<b>Application for a Private hire Operator Licence</b>  To consider a report of the Director of Community Services seeking a decision on whether or not to grant a Private Hire Operators Licence to Mr A M in view of the location of the proposed Operator Premises.	* 1	29 - 42



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**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 8 May 2013

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs M Mustoe (Chairman)

Cllrs R D Berry  
D Bowater  
I Dalgarno

Cllrs C C Gomm  
Mrs D B Green  
R B Pepworth

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs A Barker  
K Janes

Substitutes: Cllrs Mrs J G Lawrence (In place of Mrs A Barker)  
J N Young (In place of K Janes)

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell                      Committee Services Officer  
Mrs J Borthwick                  Service Manager, Public Protection  
Mrs M James                      Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Mr M Woolsey                      Managing Solicitor

L/13/1                      **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman advised that it would be necessary to convene an Extraordinary meeting of the Licensing Committee to consider the Licensing Policy for Sexual Entertainment Venues. A date for the meeting would be advised. Prior to the meeting, it was felt necessary for a Working Group to be established comprising of 5 Members of the Licensing Committee to review the Policy.

Councillors: Berry, Dalgarno, Mrs Green, Pepworth and Shadbolt volunteered to act on the Working Group.

L/13/2                      **Minutes**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

L/13/3                      **Members' Interests**

There were none.

L/13/4                      **Petitions**

There were none.

**L/13/5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

That in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

**L/13/6 Application for a Private Hire Operator Licence**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Director of Community Services to make a decision whether or not to grant a private hire operator licence to Mr A M in view of the location of the proposed operator premises.

In view of the fact that Mr A M did not attend the meeting the Committee determined to defer consideration of the application until the scheduled meeting to be held in August 2013.

**RESOLVED**

**That the application to permit Mr A M to operate a Private Hire business from a personal address be deferred until the scheduled meeting to be held in August 2013.**

**L/13/7 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Director of Community Services seeking a decision whether or not to grant a Private Hire Vehicle licence to Mr R B in view of the age of the vehicle.

The applicant attended the meeting and made representations in support of the application. The Committee were invited to view the vehicle which was located in the car park.

In accordance with the procedures for hearings held in private, the applicant and Licensing Officer were asked to withdraw whilst the Committee made their decision. The Committee's deliberation and visual inspection of the vehicle along with its appearance were recalled to hear the decision.

**RESOLVED**

**That a Private Hire Vehicle Licence be granted to Mr R B and the applicant be reminded of his responsibilities to comply with the conditions of the licence and that the Council has the powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to revoke the licence at any time.**

**L/13/8 Re- admittance of Press and Public****RESOLVED**

**The Committee resolved to re admit the Press and Public to the remainder of the meeting.**

L/13/9

**Health and Safety Regulator Plan 2012-2014**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Assistant Director of Community Services providing an update on the work undertaken by Public Protection against the above plan in relation to the regulation of Health and Safety at work in Central Bedfordshire.

The Committee noted a minor amendment to the report which the Service Manager undertook to make.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report of the Assistant Director of Community Services providing an update on Health and Safety work undertaken by Public Protection be noted.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 9.30 a.m. and concluded at 9.57 a.m.)

Chairman .....

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**CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, Priory House, Shefford on Thursday, 6 June 2013

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mrs M Mustoe (Chairman)  
Cllr K Janes (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs R D Berry  
D Bowater  
I Dalgarno  
C C Gomm

Cllrs Mrs D B Green  
R B Pepworth  
I Shingler  
N Warren

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs A Barker  
A Shadbolt

Substitutes: Cllrs L Birt  
Mrs J G Lawrence

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell                      Committee Services Officer  
Mrs S Childerhouse          Head of Public Protection (North)  
Mrs L McShane                  Solicitor  
Mrs J Moakes                    Assistant Director Environmental  
Services

L/13/10            **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

There were none.

L/13/11            **Petitions**

There were none.

L/13/12            **Member's Interests**

There were none.

L/13/13            **Consultation on new Sexual Establishments Policy**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Head of Public Protection regarding consultation on the Sex Establishments Policy.

A copy of the draft Statement of Policy was attached at Appendix A to the report.

The report advised that in order to assist applicants and in response to public consultation relating to the location of Sex establishments, the policy set out a

strict criteria on the location of the premises in relation to other specified premises or land usage, and that conditions would be attached to any licence granted.

It was noted that the consultation on the draft strategy be undertaken over the statutory twelve weeks from 10 June 2013 to 31 August 2013. It was proposed that a range of methods be used including, face to face briefings, Briefing notes, online, social media, press releases and other Council publications all requesting feedback for consideration.

The draft policy had been drawn up to reflect the response to the location of Sex Establishments in Central Bedfordshire.

The draft statement at Appendix A set out the location criteria and conditions to be attached which would be used as the draft for the public consultation. The responses to the consultation would be analysed and reported to Licensing Committee to allow an informed decision when adopting a new Statement of Licensing Policy in relation to Sex Establishments.

During detailed consideration of the Policy, the Committee referred to Paragraph 4 and amended the following paragraph to read :

“Given the characteristics of Central Bedfordshire this will result in a nil policy in many areas, those areas where it is likely a licence will be granted are adjacent to industrial areas and to main transit routes through the area.”

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That a public consultation on the draft Statement of Policy for Sex Establishments be undertaken.
- (2) That the draft Statement of Policy attached at Appendix A, be used as the basis for the public consultation.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and concluded at 2.42 p.m.)

Chairman .....

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