

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

Dated