

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Council Chamber, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 7 September 2016

PRESENT

Cllr T Nicols (Chairman)
Cllr K M Collins (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs J Chatterley
I Dalgarno
K Janes
I Shingler

Cllrs P Smith
T Swain
R D Wenham

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs A Barker
Mrs A L Dodwell
N Warren

Substitutes: Cllrs R D Berry (In place of Mrs A L Dodwell)
D Bowater (In place of Mrs A Barker)

Officers in Attendance: Mr T Argent Trading Standards Officer
Miss H Bell Committee Services Officer
Mr R Johns Environmental Health Officer
Ms S McIntyre Senior Solicitor, Regulation and
Litigation
Mr B Salvatierra Environmental Health Officer

L/16/29. **Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

L/16/30. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman advised Members that The Lords select Committee on the Licensing Act 2003 had invited interested parties to submit evidence by 2 September 2016.

A copy of a response from the Licensing Department at Central Bedfordshire Council was circulated along with The Chairman, Councillor Nicol's comments.

The Committee considered the two responses. Given the deadline date had now passed but this was the first opportunity the Committee had been given to

discuss the matter, the Chairman invited members to contact the Select Committee with any further submissions.

L/16/31. **Members' Interests**

No declarations of interest were received.

L/16/32. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

There were no Questions, Statements or Deputations.

L/16/33. **Health & Safety (as a regulator Service Plan 2016-2018)**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Director of Community Services seeking approval of Health and Safety (as a regulator) Service Plan 2016-18. A copy of which was appended to the report at Appendix A.

During detailed consideration of the Service Plan, several concerns were raised regarding figures for the four categories that make up the risk rating system, based on a business's health and safety performance. Particularly, figures relating to unrated businesses. It was suggested that an action plan be included in the report to detail timescales for work on both the unassigned premises and unrated premises.

When considering work of The Health and Safety Executive and Central Bedfordshire Council, the Committee requested that further clarity be sought with regard to what the responsibilities were for both the Health and Safety Executive and Central Bedfordshire Council's Health and Safety Department. It was suggested that a list and flow diagram be included within the report to reflect the different work responsibilities.

RESOLVED

That the Health and Safety (as a Regulator) Service Plan 2016-18 be amended to include concerns raised by the Licensing Committee and that it be considered at the next scheduled meeting to be held on 14 December 2016.

(Note: The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at 10.50 a.m.)

Chairman

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