

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 9th March, 2015 at Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, Rhoda Bailey, I Faseyi, M Hardy, A Harewood,
L Jeuda, S Jones, D Mahon, M Parsons, L Smetham and J Wray

OFFICERS PRESENT

Sheela Dutton, Lawyer

Nick Kelly, Environmental Protection Team Leader

Hamish Roscoe, Senior Enforcement Officer, Environmental Protection

Julie Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bebbington, S Davies and G Wait.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee meetings held on 27 January 2015 and 30 January 2015, and the General Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 4 February 2015 and 17 February 2015 be received.

19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOBILE HOMES ACT 2013 (FEES AND CHARGES POLICY)

The Committee considered a report regarding the recently enacted Mobile Homes Act 2013, which amended the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

The Act was intended to raise standards in the industry across the country. It introduced important changes relating to the buying, selling and gifting of residential caravans and the setting of pitch fees. It also enabled effective enforcement action to be taken against operators who failed to comply with their licence obligations. In addition, the Act allowed the Council to recover the costs of administering the statutory licensing function with respect to residential caravan sites through the setting of local fees and charges.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the changes introduced by the Mobile Homes Act 2013 be noted.
- (b) That the Principal Manager, Regulatory Services and Health, be given delegated authority to exercise the Council's powers under the Mobile Homes Act 2013, apart from setting fees, until such time as the matter is further considered by the Constitution Committee.
- (c) That the Regulatory Services and Health Mobile Homes Act 2013 Fees and Charges Policy 2015-16, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.33 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)