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## Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 30 March 2010 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1000

Concluded 1015

### PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Hill	Ferriby
L'Amie	Flowers
M Ahmed	Sajawal Hussain
McPhee	Pullen

### Councillor Hill in the Chair

#### 10. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

#### 11. MINUTES

##### Resolved -

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 November 2009 be signed as a correct record.
- (2) That the minutes of the Licensing Panels held on the following dates be signed as correct records:

**Bradford Licensing Panel**

**1 December 2009  
17 December 2009**

**Keighley & Shipley Licensing Panel**

**5 March 2010**



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Suzan Hemingway, Assistant Director Corporate Services (City Solicitor)



## 12. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

## 13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE FEES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Assistant Director, Corporate Services (City Solicitor) presented a report (**Document "C"**) that sought approval to maintain the current scale of premises licence fees, charged by the Department of Legal and Democratic Services, for the 2010/11 financial year.

A Member of the Committee expressed some concern about that proposal, noting that the fees had not been increased last year and advising that, if there was not a small regular increase, such businesses might be faced with a much larger rise in fees in the future, which they might find difficult.

The Chair suggested making a modest increase of 2.5% which was still below the rate of inflation.

In response to a question, Members were advised that there was no need to consult on the issue before deciding on an increase.

### **Resolved –**

**That the applicable scale of fees for 2010/11 be increased by 2.5%, rounded up to the nearest pound (£) where appropriate.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Corporate Services (City Solicitor)***

## 14. POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009 - SECTION 27

The Assistant Director, Corporate Services (City Solicitor) presented a report (**Document "D"**) which sought Members' views on the adoption of amendments to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 in facilitating control of the licensing of lap dancing, pole dancing and similar entertainment under existing legislation controlling sex establishments.

The Chair noted that the matter would have to be the subject of a report to the Miscellaneous Licences Panel and considered that the view of this Committee should be made clear for that Panel.

In response to Members' questions, it was stated that the new provisions would afford the Council tighter controls over such premises, including that a wider remit of issues could be considered when deciding an application and the fact that such licences would be renewed annually.

It was also noted that, if other West Yorkshire Councils adopted the new provisions but Bradford did not, such premises might then be attracted to Bradford.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “D” be noted.**
- (2) That officers carry out consultation with Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 for their views on whether the new provisions should be adopted in the District.**
- (3) That in due course a report be prepared for consideration by the Miscellaneous Licences Panel for a decision as to whether it wishes to recommend to Council that the new provisions facilitating the licensing of sex entertainment premises as sex establishments should be adopted.**
- (4) That this Committee recommends that the new provisions be adopted.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Corporate Services (City Solicitor)***

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.**