



**LICENSING COMMITTEE - LICENSING HEARING**

**23 June 2014 at 10.00 am**

**Council Chamber, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks**

**AGENDA**

**Membership:**

Cllrs. Cooke, Mrs. George and Pett

(Composition: Each Sub-Committee will contain three Members of the Licensing Committee. Any member of the Licensing Committee may act as a substitute on any of the Licensing Sub-Committees.)

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If an interested party (e.g. a parish or town council) has not made a "relevant representation" (section 18(6) and (7) of the Licensing Act 2003), it will not receive a notice of the hearing (Reg. 6(1) Hearings Regulations). The interested party will not, therefore be "a party to the hearing" (Reg. 2 Hearings Regulations). There will therefore be no right to address the hearing (Reg. 16 Hearings Regulations).

The above also applies to a Member i.e. if s/he does not make a "relevant representation" s/he will not be a "party to the hearing" and has no right to address the hearing unless appointed by "a party to the hearing" to assist or represent that party.

Would you please note that all the reports/information listed on this agenda are available from the Democratic Services Team on request (01732 227241). Alternatively you can make an appointment to view the information at the District Council Offices by contacting the Licensing Partnership Manager on 01732 227325.

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**1. Appointment of Chairman**

**2. Declarations of interest**

**3. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Consideration of Exempt Information:

Recommendation: That, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting when considering Appendix A of the following report, on the grounds that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by Schedule 12A, paragraph 7 (Information relating to any action

taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)

4. **The Portobello Inn, London Road, West Kingsdown, TN15 6JB** (Pages 1 - 78)

(Fawkham and West Kingsdown)

**1. Procedure at Sub-Committees of the Licensing Committee (established in accordance with Section 9 of the Licensing Act 2003)**

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 9(1) of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Committee has resolved to establish Sub-Committees, each consisting of three members of the Committee.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committees have delegated authority to determine those functions that are reserved for decision by the Sub-Committees in accordance with Appendix B of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy dated 7 January 2011.
- 1.3 Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with this Procedure Note and The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 subject to the right of the Sub-Committee to vary that procedure at their absolute discretion if considered in the public interest.
- 1.4 The quorum for a Sub-Committee shall be two members.
- 1.5 At the commencement of each hearing the Sub-Committee shall elect one of its members as Chairman.
- 1.6 The order of business at hearings shall be:
  - (a) Election of Chairman.
  - (b) Declarations of interests.
  - (c) Chairman explains the procedure to be followed at the hearing, including the setting of equal time limits for all parties and the granting of adjournments.
  - (d) Chairman ascertains who is assisting or representing the parties.
  - (e) Applicant (or his/her representative) addresses the Sub-Committee.
  - (f) Applicant questioned by members. At the discretion of the Sub-Committee other parties may be permitted to question the applicant.
  - (g) Persons who have made representations in respect of the application (or their representative) address the Sub-Committee. No issues other than those relevant to their representations may be raised.
  - (h) Members question each party at the conclusion of their address. At the discretion of the Sub-Committee, the applicant may be permitted to question other parties.

- (i) Sub-Committee may offer the parties a short adjournment to discuss in the absence of the Sub-Committee whether a solution acceptable to all the parties can be put to the Sub-Committee.
- (j) Applicant (or his/her representative) makes closing address.
- (k) Sub-Committee may grant a short adjournment. The parties may not speak to members regarding the application during adjournments.
- (l) The Sub-Committee considers the application and motions put to accept or reject the application in the terms requested or to grant the application subject to specified conditions. Reasons are to be given for motions.
- (m) The parties will be informed of the decision at the hearing or thereafter in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2005 Regulation.