



Committee and Date
Strategic Licensing
Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 10.00AM IN THE SHREWSBURY ROOM,
THE SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY**

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Present

Mr P Adams, Mr W Benyon, Mr A B Davies, Mr T Durnell, Mr R Huffer, Mrs T Huffer, Mr K Roberts, Mrs D M Shingleton, Mr J Tandy, Mrs R Taylor-Smith (Chairman) and Mr R Tindall.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

None received

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were declared, as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
P Adams	5	Shrewsbury Town Councillor
W. Benyon	7	Oswestry Town Councillor
T Durnell	5	Shrewsbury Town Councillor
K Roberts	5	Shrewsbury Town Councillor

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

16. STREET TRADING: DELEGATION OF POWERS TO TOWN COUNCILS

The Head of Trading Standards explained that a number of Town Councils have requested that the Council delegate its power with regard to consent streets in their area.

In reply to a question from a member enquiring as to the likely take up by Town Councils, the Head of Trading Standards said that he had not followed up any Town Councils that had not responded.

The Assistant Director, Public Protection said that Town Councils had been given 6 weeks to respond and would have a further 3 or 4 weeks prior to Council. He agreed that those Town Councils that had not replied would be contacted.

RECOMMENDED: that pursuant to s101(1)(b) Local Government Act 1972, Shropshire Council delegates to Ludlow, Bishops Castle and Shifnal Town Councils all of its powers emanating from Section 3 and Schedule 4 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 in respect of Street Trading.

17. LICENSING STRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS

The Assistant Director, Public Protection said that there was an imbalance across the 3 Area Licensing Committees with the majority of cases being heard by the Central Licensing Committee. He said that the proposal was for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing matters to be dealt with through the Strategic Licensing Committee which would set up a Sub-Committee. The Committee would increase its membership to 15. The Licensing Sub-Committee would have 5 members. This Sub-Committee would travel to the appropriate part of the County to meet depending on where the applicant is based.

Members expressed concern about the proposed loss of the area committees. They were concerned about how the Committee would be constituted, how applications from different areas of the County would be dealt with, how members would be transported to say a meeting in Oswestry and how the service would remain local.

The Solicitor said that there are two different regimes and the Licensing Sub-Committee would have 5 named members and the Licensing Act Sub-Committees would have 3 members selected from amongst the membership of the Strategic Licensing Committee. He added that if this report were approved, a further report would be brought to the Committee to determine the details of the new arrangements.

RESOLVED: that consideration of the proposal be deferred to enable further information to be provided and for consultation with members.

18. STREET TRADING – AMENDMENT TO CONSENT IN OSWESTRY

The Head of Trading Standards said that Oswestry Town Council no longer wished to see no consents issued for Bailey Street and New Street except on certain specified occasions.

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 3 and Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 a policy be approved that no consents for Bailey Street and New Street, Oswestry are issued, other than consent may be given for the following in accordance with delegated powers, and for such other exceptional purposes as may be considered appropriate:

- Oswestry Food And Drink Festival
- Charitable or similar non-profit making associations

Mr W Benyon asked that his abstention from voting be recorded.

CHAIRMAN.....

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