Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Committee 9 September 2013

Councillor Carson Albury (Chairman)
Councillor Debbie Kennard (Vice-Chairman)

*Councillor Carol Albury

*Councillor Andrew Barnes

Councillor Richard Burt

Councillor Brian Coomber

Councillor David Donaldson

Councillor Emma Evans

Councillor Paul Graysmark

Councillor Mary Hamblin

* Absent

LC/01/13-14 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

There were no declarations of interest.

LC/02/13-14 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing Committee on the 25 February 2013 and the Licensing Regulatory Sub-Committee that took place on 25 February 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

LC/03/13-14 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no items.

LC/04/13-14 Questions and Statements by the Public

There were no questions or statements by the public

LC/05/13-14 Scrap Metal Dealership Act 2013

Before the Committee was a report by the Executive Head of Housing, Health and Community Safety, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5. The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (The Act) was passed on 28 February 2013 and was due to come into force on 1st October 2013. The Act replaced the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and parts of the Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 that dealt with motor salvage operators.

The Committee discussed the report and sought further information regarding the apportionment of responsibility where prosecutions were undertaken and whether this would be a cost borne by the Local Authority or the Police. It was apparent that there was conflicting advice on the matter. The Licensing Officer stated that the issue would become clearer following the release of government guidance and that Members would be appraised of the situation when the information was forthcoming.

Members acknowledged that fees could not be set until further guidance was received from the relevant government department.

Resolved:

- i) That the report be noted;
- ii) That the Executive Head of Housing, Health and Community Safety be authorised to implement the practical arrangements necessary to introduce the new licensing systems, including agreeing fees to be charged in the District of Adur.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.18pm, it having commenced at 7.00pm

Chairman