

# General Licensing Committee agenda



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A meeting of the

## General Licensing Committee

will be held on Thursday 25 November 2010 on the rising of a joint briefing meeting of the committee with the General Licensing Committee of South Oxfordshire District Council.

The briefing meeting will start after the close of the preceding meeting of the Licensing Acts Committee and not before 10.45am

to be held in Committee Room 1 at South Oxfordshire District Council's offices, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, OX10 8ED

### Members of the Committee:

#### Councillors

Richard Farrell (Chair)  
Terry Fraser (Vice-Chair)  
Bob Johnston  
Julie Mayhew-Archer  
Janet Morgan  
Zoe Patrick  
Alison Rooke  
Val Shaw  
Richard Webber

Gareth Jennings (Opposition Spokesman)  
James McGee  
John Morgan  
Peter Saunders  
Robert Sharp  
Elaine Ware

#### Substitute councillors

Tony de Vere  
Jenny Hannaby  
Dudley Hoddinott  
Angela Lawrence  
Pat Lonergan  
Jerry Patterson  
Laurel Symons  
John Woodford

Terry Cox  
Bill Melotti  
Melinda Tilley  
Reg Waite

A large print version of this agenda is available. In addition any background papers referred to may be inspected by prior arrangement.

Please note that this meeting will be held in a wheelchair accessible venue. If you would like to attend and have any special access requirements, please let the Democratic Services Officers know beforehand and they will do their very best to meet your requirements.



Margaret Reed  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in the code of conduct adopted on 30 September 2007 and standing order 34 regarding the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests.

## **Agenda**

### **Open to the Public including the Press**

#### **Map and vision** (Page 5)

This meeting will be held at the offices of South Oxfordshire District Council. A map showing the location can be found on this webpage:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/content/cmt/contact-us/how-to-find-us.en>

The council's vision is to build and safeguard a fair, open and compassionate community.

### **1. Notification of substitutes and apologies for absence**

To record the attendance of substitute councillors, if any, who have been authorised to attend in accordance with the provisions of standing order 17(1) with notification having been given to the proper officer before the start of the meeting and to receive apologies for absence.

### **2. Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 19 May 2010 (previously published).

### **3. Declarations of interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **4. Urgent business and chair's announcements**

To receive notification of any matters, which the chair determines, should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances, which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chair.

### **5. Statements, petitions, and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the General Licensing Committee**

Any statements, petitions, and questions from the public under Standing Order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

### **6. Joint statement of policy on the control of sex establishments - approval of draft policy for consideration by Council**

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To consider report 71/10 of the head of legal and democratic services and statement of policy **(attached)**.

The General Licensing Committee is asked to discuss the policy and make any recommendations for changes to the policy or report to Council.

The report recommends Council:

(1) to adopt Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 so that the provisions for the control of sexual entertainment venues shall apply, and

(2) to resolve that the new powers shall take effect from 1 March 2011, and

(3) to resolve that "sexual entertainment venues" are not generally appropriate near or in locations/ or areas containing any of the following:-

- historic buildings or tourist attractions,
- schools, play areas, nurseries, children's centres or similar premises,
- shopping complexes,
- residential areas, or
- places of worship, and

(4) to adopt the draft policy set out at Appendix 2 to this report as the Sexual Entertainment Venue Licensing Joint Statement of Licensing Policy incorporating the guidance and conditions, and

(5) to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to publish the required legal notice of the resolution, and

(6) to note that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the relevant

cabinet/executive member and leader of the opposition will determine the level of fees for the grant, renewal, variation and transfer of licences, and

(7) to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to amend the Constitution to give delegated powers

(a) to the General Licensing Committee to: -

(i) review the policy for sexual entertainment venue licences as necessary and recommend changes to Council, and

(ii) agree any future changes to the standard guidance and conditions for sexual entertainment venue licences, and

(b) to the South General Licensing Committee/Vale General Licensing Committee and General Licensing Sub Committee to determine applications for and revoke sexual entertainment venue licences, and

(c) to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to grant applications where no objections have been received and there are no other statutory grounds for refusal.

## **Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972**

None