



**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD**

**24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

1. **Present:** Councillors CC Wraith (Chair), Barlow, P Birkinshaw, Brook, Bruff, Dyson, Gaunt, Hayward, J Carr, Richardson Wainwright, Wilson and Worton.

2. **Declarations of Personal Interest**

No declarations were made at the meeting.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. **Designated Public Places Order (DPPO), Test Purchasing and Under-age Sales Activity**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented a report which updated Members of the positive results achieved by the DPPO's in place across the Borough and advised on the levels of test purchasing and under-age sales activity undertaken by Regulatory Services and South Yorkshire Police.

The report gave details of the activities carried out by Regulatory Services and South Yorkshire Police in relation to test purchasing and under-age sales throughout the Borough. Currently, Trading Standards Officers are focussing their resources on non-alcohol age restricted products such as cigarettes, knives, fireworks, etc, in order to ensure a broad spectrum of test purchasing is undertaken.

The recently introduced Policing and Crime Act 2009 had reduced from 3 to 2, the number of failed test purchases that a premises could have in a three month period following which a Licence would normally be revoked. This legislation had also introduced a range of other powers to help Officers deal with persons under 18 in relation to confiscation of alcohol and dispersal of persons where they were or could become involved in crime and disorder.

Since October 2008, 220 premises had been checked and 62 had been found to have sold alcohol to persons under the age of 18, each receiving fixed penalty fines.

To assist with future activities the Police have forged links with various Youth Associations across the Borough to work together to facilitate under-age sales operations.

The report indicated that the Authority had 14 Section 12 DPPO's, each enforced by the relevant Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Feedback had indicated that since implementation of the DPPO's, there had been a significant reduction in alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the respective areas, although a number of other tools and techniques were used to combat this issue.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (i) the report be noted and the good work being undertaken by Regulatory Staff, in conjunction with South Yorkshire Police, in ensuring that alcohol related crime is managed and where possible eradicated from the Borough.

5. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.**

6. **Application for a House to House Collection**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented a report for consideration of an application for a House-to-House Collection Licence.

**RESOLVED that:-**

- (i) the application be refused on the grounds that the minimalistic contributions afforded to the nominated Charity did not comply with the recommendations of the Secretary of State; and,
- (ii) a report be prepared for consideration by the Cabinet of a formal Policy on House-to-House Collections.

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Chairman