

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**GENERAL LICENSING REGULATORY BOARD****19th September, 2012**

6. **Present:** Councillors C. C. Wraith (Chairman), Barlow, Brook, Bruff, Davies, M. Dyson, Ennis, S Green, Johnson, Lamb, M Sheard, Tattersall, Wilson and Worton.

7. **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

8. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May, 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9. **Prohibition of Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places**

(a) **Stairfoot Ward**

Mr. Adrian Phillips (Solicitor, Neighbourhood Safety Unit) reported on detail on the proposals to designate the Stairfoot Ward (as detailed on the map and Schedule outlined within the report now submitted) as an area in which the consumption of alcohol by the public would be prohibited by the public under Section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

Mr Phillips and Mr S Batty (Tasking Officer, Safer Neighbourhood Team) answered Members' detailed questions and informed the Board of the rationale for the introduction of the Order and of the success of other Designated Public Place Orders within the Borough.

Members of the Board were concerned that no information was available within the report about the performance of the Designated Public Places Orders that were currently in operation detailing the scale of the problem and the improvements perceived following implementation. Such information could be included in all future reports but could be provided to individual Members upon request.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Board authorises the advertisement of the proposals to make the Order (as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted) designating the Stairfoot Ward as a place where the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in public;

- (ii) that in the absence of any objection being received to the proposal, the respective Order be made as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the statutory 28 days consultation period; and
 - (iii) that the Assistant Director (Community Safety) be authorised to commission the production of such signs and their affixation as considered necessary to comply with the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007.
- (b) Oakwell, Old Mill, Honeywell and Dearne Valley Park Areas

Mr. Adrian Phillips (Solicitor, Neighbourhood Safety Unit) reported on detail on the proposals to designate the Oakwell, Old Mill, Honeywell and Dearne Valley Park Areas (as detailed on the map and Schedule outlined within the report now submitted) as areas in which the consumption of alcohol by the public would be prohibited by the public under Section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

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The report engendered a full and frank discussion during which matters of a detailed and general nature were raised and answers were given to Members' questions where appropriate. Members particularly sought information about the nature of the consultation process undertaken in order to establish the need for such an order and they were particularly concerned at the lack of consultation with Elected Members. Arising out of this discussion, an assurance was given that full and appropriate consultation would be undertaken in relation to all future Orders.

RESOLVED that consideration of the report be deferred pending a meeting between representatives of the Police, the Safer Neighbourhood Team and local Ward Members.

In accordance with the protocol for making decisions against Officer recommendations, a recorded vote was taken. The resolution was Moved by Councillor Bruff and Seconded by Councillor Davies with voting being as follows:

In favour of the resolution:

Councillors Barlow, Bruff, Davies, M Dyson, Lamb and Tattersall

Against the resolution:

Councillors Brook, Wilson, Worton and C Wraith

Abstentions

Councillors Ennis, S. Green and Johnson

All Members present at the time of the vote actually voted

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Chairman

