

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: **LICENSING COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2001**

SUBJECT: **RENEWAL OF LICENCES**

FROM: **MEMBERS' AND CUSTOMER SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1_ To consider the renewal of public entertainment licences and late night refreshment house licences which expire on 4 April 2001 and 31 March 2001 respectively.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Authority is delegated to the Head of Members' and Customer Services to grant or renew licences where no objections have been received following an agreed consultation procedure. Where objections are received applications are referred to the Committee for a decision.

2.2 The consultation procedure involves the Police, the Fire Officer, Head of Environmental Health, Ward Councilors and Town/Parish Councils for new applications and the Police, the Fire Officer and the Head of Environmental for renewals.

2.3 The Committee has delegated authority to hear and determine applications in cases where objections are received.

2.4 A special meeting of the Committee is usually arranged for April to consider any applications for the renewal of licences which need to be referred to it.

3. PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

3.1 Public entertainment licences are required for premises which provide public music or dancing. Under the Licencing Act 1964, a public entertainment licence is not required for premises with a liquor licence when only recorded music or up to two live performers are involved. Public music in the open air on private land also requires a public entertainment licence but is not subject to this exemption. Public entertainment licences are also required for indoor sporting events where the public are invited as spectators.

3.2 There are over 100 premises with public entertainment licences in the District ranging from village halls to night clubs. All licences expire on 4 April 2001 and applications are now being received for their renewal.

3.3 The Police, the Fire Officer and the Head of Environmental Health have been consulted on the renewal of the licences and they do not wish to comment on any particular applications this year.

3.4 Subject to the Committees observations, therefore, all licences will be renewed under the delegated power to officers referred to above.

4. LATE NIGHT REFRESHMENT HOUSE LICENCES

- 4.1 Premises without a liquor licence from the Justices which serve food for consumption on the premises between the hours of 10.00pm and 5.00am, require to be licenced by this Council. A licence is also required in respect of premises which do have a liquor licence and stay open later than 30 minutes after the time allowed by the Justices for the sale of liquor.
- 4.2 There are 6 premises which stay open later than 30 minutes after the time allowed by the Justices for the sale of liquor. These all have late night refreshment house licences.
- 4.3 All the licences expire on 31 March 2001 and applications are being invited for their renewal.
- 4.4 The Police, the Fire Officer and Head of Environmental Health have been consulted on the renewal of the licences and they do not wish to comment on any particular applications this year.
- 4.5 Subject to the Committees observations, therefore, all the licence will be renewed under the delegated powers to officers referred to above.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE POLICE

- 5.1 In previous years the Police have been invited to attend this meeting of the Committee and give information and statistics on the level of relevant crime in the District during the past 12 months. The Police will be represented at the meeting this year.

6. DECISIONS REQUIRED

- 6.1 The Committee are asked to consider the above, including the presentation by the Police and, confirm that all the public entertainment licences and late night refreshment house licences can be renewed by the officers under delegated powers.

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