

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 December 2010 at Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 2.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Pratt (Chairman); Councillors Mrs Gallagher, Gill, Mrs Goode, Illingworth, Mobbs, Vincett and Weed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Copping and Mrs Falp.

The Chairman explained to the Committee that in accordance with the Committees' decision on 6 May 2009, the meeting would be recorded.

26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

27. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2010 subject to a minor correction to the attendance, were taken as read and signed by the chairman as a correct record.

28. **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN PUBLIC PLACES**

The Committee considered a report from Community Protection which set out a recommendation asking for them to confirm its previous decision, made in December 2009, to make a District Wide Designated Public Places Order following the consultation process and to either make a recommendation to Council or refer the decision to Council without a recommendation.

At the Regulatory meeting on 21 December 2009, Minute Number 40, the Committee agreed that alcohol was a major contributory factor to anti-social behaviour, violence and criminal damage. They also agreed that alcohol abuse in Warwick District was a major and consistent public concern and the anti-social behaviour that could arise from it contributed to the fear of crime.

The report showed the results that had been received following the consultation process and the Committee were asked to take these into consideration when making their decision.

The Committee had delegated authority to make a decision, however it was felt that a decision to make a district wide order was sufficiently significant to warrant being referred to Council. If the decision was referred to Council all members of the Council would be able to take part in the debate and the final decision.

The Community Safety Manager, attended along with the Community Safety Administration Officer who both answered questions from the Committee confirming that there had only been two objections received and also the wording that would be used on any signage.

The Committee did not feel that it was appropriate to recommend this to Council for determination because they were of the opinion that as a Committee they were able to resolve this under their delegated powers. In addition, only two outstanding objections had been received and no other serious public concerns had been raised.

RESOLVED that the order be confirmed.

(The meeting finished at 3.10pm)