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NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

COUNCIL – 10 DECEMBER 2012

The following decisions were taken at the above meeting: -

Agenda Item 5 – Report of Committee and Cabinet

General Purposes & Licensing Committee

DECISION:

That the report be received and the recommendation be adopted.

Cabinet

DECISION:

That the reports be received.

Agenda Item 7 – Portfolio Holder Questions Under Standing Order 22A

(1) Public House Closures

Cllr Mrs Robinson asked the Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder whether he agreed that it was regrettable that local pubs were closing and could be changed into convenience stores without needing to go through the planning process.

The Portfolio Holder replied that under current Government planning policy, public houses could change into shops without needing permission for a change of use. The District Council could not object to the change of use.

The Portfolio Holder said that there were advantages in having convenience shops in towns and villages. Whilst it was unfortunate that public houses were closing due to a lack of demand, a convenience shop would be used more by the local community than a public house. It would also create more jobs and reduce longer car journeys to less accessible large supermarkets, ultimately reducing the carbon footprint. The change of use of public houses to stores was a response to the demands of the free market and not the change in the planning system.

(2) Unlit Rural Cycle Routes Safety

Cllr Mrs Beeton asked the Planning & Transportation Portfolio Holder if measures were being taken by the Council to ensure that designated unlit rural cycle routes were safe for residents and visitors.

The Portfolio Holder replied that Hampshire County Council were responsible for the maintenance of cycle routes whether they were on the road or adjacent footpaths, and for street lighting. In these difficult financial times it was important that local authorities concentrated on the respective duties for which they were responsible and he therefore could not support the District Council becoming involved in this matter. There was a HCC hotline for reporting all potholes, contact details could be found on the County Council's website.

(3) Sports Day for the Blind/Partially Sighted

Arising from the informal presentation by Open Sight before the meeting, Cllr Beck asked the Health & Leisure Portfolio Holder if she would consider this Council hosting a 'blind' sports day. The Portfolio Holder replied that whilst she would look into the possibility, the Council's Health & Leisure Centres had held activity days for the visually impaired and disabled in the recent past.

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