



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Agenda Item 9 Community Services and Licensing Committee

Member Question

Question from Councillor Karen McKeown	Question to Councillor Steve Robinson
<p>I would be grateful if this could be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p>“When will a comprehensive list of the statutory responsibilities of the committee, with associated delegated authorities, be tabled for discussion and ratification?”</p>	<p>The attached document was handed out at the 7/9 CS&L Committee meeting. If the committee want to consider this further then either a task and finish group could be set up or the document could be reviewed by the Performance Monitoring members and then report back to committee.</p>

Statutory Functions – Community Services and Licensing Committee

Service	Statutory Function	What does the Statutory Function include	Decision made by Committee or delegated authority
Environmental Health	Licensing	Regulation and enforcement of licensing functions including regulated entertainment, sale of alcohol, taxis and private hire vehicles, street trading and scrap metal dealers etc.	Delegated authority to officers except when representations are made with respect to an application or review under the Licensing Act, which is then determined by a licensing panel. Similarly a licensing panel would consider revocation of a taxi or private hire licence if necessary in accordance with the policy.
Environmental Health	Safeguarding	Duty of care to safeguard staff and to ensure there is an awareness of what safeguarding is amongst staff and procedures to follow where concerns are identified.	Delegated authority.
Community & Facilities	Removal of Abandoned Vehicles	Removal of abandoned vehicles and delivery of them to an approved disposal service. Refuse Disposal Amenity Act 1978, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	Delegated to Strategic Head of Customer Services (C4.1(a)).
Community & Facilities	Community Safety	Targeting crime and anti social behaviour. Crime and Disorder Act 1998.	Delegated to Strategic Head of Customer Services (C4.1(b)).
Public Spaces	Tree Maintenance	For as long as the Council has trees in its ownership it has a responsibility to maintain its stock to a sufficient and safe standard.	Committee decision to approve current policy.
Public Spaces	Play Area Maintenance	For as long as the council has play equipment in its ownership it has a responsibility to maintain its stock to a sufficient and safe standard.	Committee decision to approve current policy.
Public Spaces	Commons	There is a statutory requirement on the council to take on the maintenance responsibilities for commons if requested by owners.	There is a legal requirement for the council to undertake the maintenance arrangements for commons if requested by the relevant land owners.
Public Spaces	Maintenance of open and closed cemeteries	Maintenance of closed cemeteries once passed to the council by the parochial church council and parish council.	There is a legal requirement for the council to adopt closed churchyards once burials no longer take place and both parochial church council and relevant parish council pass it on.