

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**9 MAY 2017**

**PRESENT** – Councillor Nutt (in the Chair); Councillors L Haszeldine, C Hughes, Kane, Lee and Newall. (6)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors B Jones, Mrs Jones, Lawton and Stenson. (4)

**OFFICERS** – Amy Wennington, Lawyer; and Karen Graves, Democratic Officer.

**L26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**L27. MINUTES** – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Committee held on 14 March 2017.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**L28. VARIATION OF LICENCE FOR PREMISES APPROVED AS A VENUE FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – WALWORTH CASTLE HOTEL** – The Assistant Director Law and Governance and Proper Officer for the Registration Service submitted a report (previously circulated) to consider an application received from Walworth Castle Hotel for a variation to its licence to be approved as a venue for Marriages and Civil Partnerships in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994) and the Marriage and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 and the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013.

The submitted report gave a summary of Walworth Castle as an approved venue; and gave details of a recently constructed pavilion in the hotel grounds to be licensed as an additional place for Civil Weddings and Civil Partnerships.

Discussion ensued on provision of disabled access to the newly constructed structure in line with current legislation.

Members were advised that it was not a requirement of legislation for all rooms to have disabled access and that people making bookings are made aware of any inaccessible areas of the venue.

**(NOTE** - At 9.40am the meeting adjourned for five minutes to enable Officers to seek clarification on disabled access to the pavilion).

It was reported that a removable ramp, currently in use at the entrance to the Castle, was available for use as access to the pavilion.

**RESOLVED** – That approval be granted for the variation of the licence for Walworth Castle Hotel to permit Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships to take place in The Pavilion to accommodate a maximum number of six persons.