

Licensing Committee Minutes

Date: 11 October 2018

Time: 6.30 - 6.36 pm

PRESENT: Councillor A E Hill (in the Chair)

Councillors Ms A Baughan, M Hussain, N B Marshall, I L McEnnis, S Saddique and A Turner.

Standing Deputies present: Councillor M Hanif.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: M Clarke, A R Green, M A Hashmi, D Knights and R J Scott

6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 7 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9 REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 POLICY - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

Members considered the report on the outcome of the consultation of the Review of the Gambling Act 2005 Policy which was the subject of an extensive twelve week consultation exercise.

Only three responses were received in relation to the Gambling Act Policy, one of which was from Gamcare which was purely a generic response which had been sent to all authorities. It was noted that the information contained within that response was already considered to be adequately covered within the policy.

The other two responses were sent on behalf of gambling organisations which made various suggestions which were considered to be both sensible and reasonable although there were other suggestions made which were not considered necessary to amend the policy.

In response to questions, it was confirmed that just over one hundred letters were sent out in relation to the Gambling Act consultation.

Following a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to endorse the report and recommended that it be taken before Council for approval.

RESOLVED: that the report be taken before Council.

10 REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003 POLICY - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

Members considered the report of the outcome of the consultation on the Licensing Act 2003 Policy and noted that only two responses were received in relation to the Licensing Act Policy review and one of those responses stated that they had no comments to make. The other response received was from the then town ranger who worked for HWBidco which included a request to amend HWBidco's title and to make busking a licensable activity. Accordingly, the title was amended in the report but that no action could be taken in relation to busking under this policy because it fell outside the scope of this particular policy.

A final comment was to suggest that all the town centre licensed premises should be members of the Pubwatch scheme. This was considered a sensible course of action and the policy had been amended to reflect this suggestion.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that three hundred letters were sent out in relation to the Licensing Act 2003 Policy review.

Following a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to endorse the report and recommended that it be taken before Council for approval.

RESOLVED: that the report be taken before Council.

11 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS (IF ANY)

The Chairman stated that he had agreed to bring this meeting forward from 7.00pm to 6.30pm and asked the Committee whether they would be amenable to starting future Licensing Committee meetings at 6.00pm.

It was generally agreed that 6.00pm was too early but that 6.30pm would be acceptable.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to email members of the Committee who were unable to be at this meeting to obtain their views.

It was agreed that if, after email responses were received, that the general consensus was that future meetings should start at 6.30pm, the times would be amended accordingly.

12 URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

Chairman

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Caroline Steven	- Licensing Team Leader
Liz Hornby	- Senior Democratic Services Officer
Nigel Dicker	- Head of Environment & Housing