

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Clack (Chairman)

Cllr. Abraham (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bonin, Dr. Canet, Coleman, Edwards-Winsor, Hunter, Layland, Pett, Raikes and Waterton

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Carroll and Parkin

Cllr. McArthur was present via a virtual media platform which does not constitute attendance as recognised by the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 17 June 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

8. Actions from the previous meeting (if any)

There were none.

9. Gambling Act 2005 - Gambling Policy Statement

Members considered a report which sought direction from the Committee on options for reviewing the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy which would expire on 30 January 2022.

Resolved: That the draft Statement of Gambling Policy as set out in Appendix A be approved for public consultation.

10. Licensing Partnership Annual Update

The Head of the Licensing Partnership presented the annual update on the performance and activity of the Licensing Partnership.

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The Committee requested their vote of thanks to be recorded to the staff in the Licensing team within the Council to acknowledge their hard work as they had met the vast majority performance targets and received positive customer feedback.

Following a query, Members were advised that there had been more applications, variations and complaints received since Covid-19 restrictions had been lifted.

Resolved: That the performance of the Partnership be noted, and the Head of the Licensing Partnership continue to provide an annual update on the Licensing Partnership activity on the Licensing Committee each municipal year.

11. Work Plan

The work plan was noted with addition of an item on Licence Fees and Charges to be brought to either the November or January meetings of the Committee.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.17 PM

CHAIRMAN