

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2018 commencing at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Morris (Chairman)

Cllrs. Dr. Canet, Esler, Kelly, Parkin, Pett and Raikes

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Abraham, Clack, Clark, Lake and McArthur.

3. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 10 January 2018 and 15 May 2018, and the Licensing Hearings, held on 4 August 2017, 28 September 2017 postponed to 5 October 2017, 11 October 2017 10.30 a.m. and 11 October 2018 2.30 p.m., 6 April 2018 and 18 April 2018 as a correct record.

4. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

5. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none.

6. Licensing Partnership Update Report 2018

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

In response to a question, it was advised that any debate on introducing pre-application advice charging would be a Cabinet decision with the report first being considered at the Legal & Democratic Advisory Committee.

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 to the Licensing Committee each municipal year.

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7. Hackney Carriage Licensing: Proposed Fare Charge Increase

Members considered a report which sought a direction from the Committee on options for reviewing the Council's current tariff of charges for Hackney Carriage Vehicles following a request from a number of licenced hackney carriage drivers who signed a petition.

Members considered whether there was any need to require for specific evidence in support of the request but did not view this as necessary.

Resolved: That the Licensing Service carry out a consultation with all Hackney carriage drivers to ascertain their views on any proposed increase.

8. Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles of Gambling Policy

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 2019. Members considered and debated the options outlined within the report.

Resolved: That a full review be undertaken to include the issues highlighted within the report with a formal public consultation undertaken and any proposed new Policy reported to the next meeting of the Committee in order to be adopted by Full Council in November.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 6.38 PM

CHAIRMAN