

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2019 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Clack (Chairman)

Cllr. Pett (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Dr. Canet, Coleman, Esler, Hunter, Layland, Pett and Raikes

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Carroll and Parkin

Cllr. McArthur was also present

7. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 June 2019, and the Licensing Hearings held on 31 May 2019 and 3 June 2019, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

9. Actions from the previous meeting

The number of applications received for each type of application alongside the percentages were tabled.

10. Police Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE)

The Chairman welcomed Ian Graham, the Chief Licensing Officer for the Metropolitan Police to the Committee, who gave a [presentation](#) on the Police Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) which was to provide those working in the licensed industry with an awareness of vulnerability and their responsibilities towards people visiting their premises. The background of WAVE was explained to Members along with the 5 Key principles to prevent and reduce criminal offences taking place at licensed premises and to promote partnerships within the communities.

The Committee thanked Ian Graham for his attendance.

11. The Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy

Members considered a report which sought the approval for an 8 week consultation on the amendments to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy which would be in place for a five year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025. The Council was

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required to review the policy at least every five years. The consultation feedback and the draft amended policy would be reported to the next meeting.

The Senior Licensing Officer brought the Committee's attention to some additional changes, which included:

- an additional section 2.5 which was tabled;
- Film Exhibitions would be 3.14 in the policy; and
- Draft paragraph 16.5 would be removed.

The Chairman moved the recommendation within the report subject to the amendments discussed above and it was

Resolved: The draft policy as set out as Appendix A be approved for public consultation.

12. Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy

The Committee considered a report which sought approval from the Committee to consult on the Council's existing 'Statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy' which would be in place for a three year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023. The consultation feedback and the draft amended policy would be reported to the next meeting.

In response to questions Members were advised that as newer vehicles were becoming more environmentally friendly the engine size was not as crucial as it used to be and therefore each case would be treated on its own merit. The Senior Licensing Officer undertook to look at the references to EU regulations and passports. The Senior Solicitor advised that as legislation allowed for the suspension of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire License its removal from the policy would not be necessary even though most case law limited the circumstances where suspension would be suitable.

The Chairman moved the recommendation within the report subject to the comments discussed above and it was

Resolved: The draft policy as set out as Appendix A be approved for public consultation.

13. Sex establishment policy 2020 - 2023

The Committee considered a report which sought approval from the Committee to consult on the Council's existing Sex Establishment Policy which would be in place for a three year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023. The consultation feedback and the draft amended policy would be reported to the next meeting.

Members were advised that there would be a further addition of new paragraphs 1.10 and 1.11 which gave reference to Human Rights and the Equality Act which was tabled.

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Resolved: The draft policy as set out as Appendix A be approved for public consultation.

14. Work Plan

Members noted that the draft policies following consultation would be brought to the January meeting as well as the draft fees.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8.06 PM

CHAIRMAN