

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 commencing at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Morris (Chairman)

Cllr. Clark (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Abraham, Dr. Canet, Clack, Clark, Esler, Halford, McArthur, Pett and Raikes

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Kelly, Lake and Parkin

22. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

23. Declarations of interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

24. Actions from the previous meeting

The Chairman thanked the Sub-Committee who heard the Licensing Hearing on 15 March 2019 and Councillor Esler who acted as Chairman for this Hearing.

25. Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy

The report was introduced by the Chairman of the Committee who invited Members to consider a minor review of the Council's current Statement of Licensing Policy for the five-year period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020 so as to include a policy for outdoor events. Some minor errors for correction were highlighted in the report and Appendix. The Chairman advised that the Policy would be updated next year however the current proposed amendments were to cover outdoor events for which license applications were expected to be received in the coming months.

In response to Member concerns relating to drug use at festivals, Officers advised that license applications would be considered on a case by case basis and safety measures would be conditioned accordingly. Members were advised the Licensing department would consider requests for finishing times contrary to that listed as the terminal hour for outdoor events. It was emphasised that the proposed policy relating to outdoor events would not apply to Temporary Event Notices (TENS).

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Resolved: That the amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy as set out in Appendix A be approved for public consultation.

26. Work Plan

The work plan was noted. It was agreed that results of the consultation on the minor review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy would be considered at the meeting on 10 July 2019.

The Chairman conveyed thanks from the Portfolio Holder for Legal and Democratic Services to the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Officers for all their hard work and support over the past four years.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 6.17 PM

CHAIRMAN