

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

18 January 2022

7.30 - 8.27 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Nick Churchill (Chair)
Councillor Clive Souter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Carter
Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Jodi Dunne
Councillor John Steer
Councillor Gareth Williams

Officers

Hannah Criddle, Governance Support Officer
Michael Pitt, Assistance Director Environment
Adam Sherwood, Principal Licensing Officer
Denise Westwood, Assistant FCilex

32. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maggie Hulcoop, Andrew Johnson and Nancy Watson.

33. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

34. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 16 November 2021 are agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

35. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

36. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

37. **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

Michael Pitt, Assistant Director Environment, advised that the report of the DfT Standards – Over Arching Taxi and Private Hire Policy Recommend Consultation would be carried over to a meeting in the next municipal year.

Michael Pitt also advised that a report on the response to consultation on the Gambling Policy would be added to the work plan for March 2022.

RESOLVED that the work plan was noted.

38. **DFT STANDARDS - POLICY REQUIRED ON STRETCHED LIMOUSINES**

The Committee received a report on the updated Department for Transport Standards policy for stretched limousines and chauffeur vehicles.

RESOLVED that:

- A** The Licensing Committee recommend to Full Council adoption of the amended licensing policy as set out under proposals below at paragraphs 11 to 14.
- B** Subject to A, the amended policy be implemented on approval by Full Council.

39. **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LICENSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY POLICY AREAS**

The Committee received a report on the relationship between Licensing and Community Safety policy areas.

The Committee noted that a further update report would be brought back to the Committee and suggested that this be added as a further recommendation to the report.

RESOLVED that:

- A** The Licensing Committee note the content of the report, and approve the proposal that to optimise synergy of operation the Licensing Team work closely with the Community Safety Team to develop a Community Safety Strategy in the forthcoming municipal year.
- B** A further report be presented to the Licensing Committee to update on the relationship and work between the Licensing Team and Community Safety Team.

40. **UPDATE FOLLOWING STREET DRINKING REPORT IN SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Committee received an update report on street drinking and licensing controls.

RESOLVED that:

A The Licensing Committee note the content of the report.

B A further report be presented to the Licensing Committee to update on progress towards reducing street drinking in the town centre.

41. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

42. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE