

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

9 March 2021

7.30 - 8.09 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Shannon Jezzard (Chair)
Councillor Nancy Watson
Councillor Nick Churchill
Councillor Tony Edwards
Councillor Michael Garnett
Councillor Maggie Hulcoop
Councillor Andrew Johnson

Officers

Hannah Criddle, Governance Support Officer
Rachel Crouch, Senior Licensing Officer - Temporary
Michael Pitt, Environment and Licensing Manager
Adam Rees, Governance Support Officer
Dimple Roopchand, Principal Solicitor
Denise Westwood, Assistant FCilex

40. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lanie Shears.

41. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

42. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2021 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

43. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Nick Churchill noted that the meeting would be the last that Dimple Roopchand, Principal Solicitor, would attend with the Council. Councillor Churchill thanked her for all of her years of support to the Licensing Committee.

44. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

45. **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED that the Work Plan was noted.

46. **ADOPTION OF STREET TRADING POLICY**

The Committee received a report on the proposed Street Trading Policy for 2021 to 2026.

RESOLVED that:

- A** The Committee approved, with any necessary amendments, the proposed Street Trading Policy 2021 – 2026, as set out in Appendix 5 to the report, and instructed the Environment and Licensing Manager to commence a 12 week public consultation.
- B** Subject to A, authority to approve the details of consultation, including when consultation starts, was delegated to the Environment and Licensing Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee.
- C** Subject to A and B above, the response from the consultation process would be brought back to committee within the 21/22 Work Plan and a final Policy to be agreed.

47. **VERBAL UPDATE ON COVID-19 RELATED LICENSING BREACHES**

Michael Pitt, Environment and Planning Manager, provided the Committee with a verbal update on Covid-19 related licensing breaches. Michael Pitt advised that since the third lockdown, compliance issues had been relatively quiet. However, he noted that the number of queries received were starting to increase in response to Government plans to ease the lockdown. Michael Pitt confirmed that officers were still regularly patrolling different premises.

Michael Pitt noted that following the Licensing Sub Committee for The Chequers, the Council had been approached by a new proposed licensee and had received confirmation that the temporary marquee structure had been removed. With regard to the White Horse, an appeal had been made to the Magistrates Court regarding the Licensing Sub Committee decision to revoke of the license. The matter was due to be heard in July 2021. Michael Pitt also advised that the Pink Cottage business operator had recently changed and was now in the process of renovating the premises.

Rachel Crouch, Senior Licensing Officer, suggested that there may be an increase in temporary events once the lockdown restrictions had eased.

48. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

49. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE