

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

15 November 2022

7.30 - 8.04pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor Nick Churchill (Chair)
Councillor Clive Souter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Carter
Councillor Joel Charles
Councillor Jodi Dunne
Councillor James Griggs
Councillor Andrew Johnson
Councillor Stacy Seales
Councillor Nancy Watson

Officers

Hannah Marriott, Governance Support Officer
Michael Pitt, Assistance Director Environment
Adam Sherwood, Principal Licensing Officer

25. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lanie Shears.

The Committee noted that Michael Pitt, Assistant Director – Environment, would be retiring shortly. The Committee expressed its extreme gratitude to Michael for his many years of advice and support on various licensing matters. The Committee agreed that Michael was a fantastic and highly regarded officer and noted that his retirement would be a great loss to the Council.

26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

27. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 6 September 2022 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28. **MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Stacy Seales noted that at the last meeting members had requested information on referrals made to charities and/or any advice or support given to those people affected by substance abuse as part of the work to tackle street drinking. Councillor Joel Charles noted that the issue

was dealt with as part of the recently published Community Safety Strategy, and as a result, the data would be available and could be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

29. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

30. **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

RESOLVED that the work plan was noted.

31. **FOOD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT ACTION PLAN 2022/23**

The Committee received a report on the Food Safety Enforcement Action Plan for 2022/23.

RESOLVED that:

A The Committee approved the Food Safety Act Service Plan 2022/2023 attached as Appendix A to the report.

32. **STREET DRINKING REDUCTION SCHEME UPDATE**

The Committee received an update report on the street drinking reduction scheme.

RESOLVED that:

A The Licensing Committee noted the content of the report regarding Operation Shopper.

B The Licensing Committee noted that there would be a further report to the Committee to provide data concerning the sale of high strength alcoholic lager and cider from single cans.

33. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

34. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE