

MINUTES OF LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 6 JUNE 2023

Present:

Councillor Hunter (in the Chair)

Councillors

Baker	Cartmell	Jones	D Scott
Bamborough	Cooper	Roe	Wilshaw
S Brookes	Hoyle	Scott	

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor

Tyrone Wassell, Democratic Governance Advisor

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There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

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3 FORMATION OF A PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Further to the decision of the Council on 24 May 2023 to re-appoint its Committees following consideration of the changes to the Council's overall political balance the Committee considered the formation of a Public Protection Sub Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2023/24. The Committee noted that while Councillor M Scott would replace Councillor Walsh for the Sub-Committee meeting on 6 June 2023 that it was intended that Councillor Walsh would be a member of the Sub-Committee for the longer term.

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The Committee agreed to appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman at this meeting. The Committee further agreed that as per previous practice the normal start time of the Public Protection Sub-Committee would be 6pm unless in case where the business to be considered would result in a late finish where an earlier start time would be agreed.

Resolved:

1. To agree to the formation of a politically balanced Public Protection Sub-Committee with a membership of 7. (5 Labour and 2 Conservative)
2. To note the membership of the proposed Sub-Committee as informed by the Group Leaders as Councillors S Brookes, Hunter, Jones, Roe, Humphreys, D Scott and Walsh.
3. To agree the functions assigned to the Public Protection Sub-Committee continue to be those as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
4. That Councillor Hunter be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
5. That Councillor D Scott be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee
6. To request the Public Protection Sub-Committee to consider the start time of its future meetings.

4 THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Sharon Davies, Senior Licensing Solicitor, presented a report to the Committee on the roles and responsibilities undertaken by the Licensing Committee and the relevant policies for its consideration.

Mrs Davies outlined the matters which the committee would normally consider such as matters of policy updates on the work of the enforcement team.

It was explained that the full Licensing Committee would not consider individual licensing applications. Applications where representations had been received would be considered by a panel of three members of the Licensing Committee.

A Statement of Licensing policy under the Licensing Act 2003 had to be produced and approved by the Full Council.

Mrs Davies advised the Committee of the other relevant policies which were as follows:

- Cumulative Impact Assessments
- Gambling Act 2005 policy
- Hackney carriage and private hire policy
- Horse drawn hackney carriage policy
- Sex Establishment Policy

Resolved:

To note the roles and responsibilities undertaken by the Licensing Committee and its relevant policies.

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5 LICENSING UPDATE

Sharon Davis, Senior Licensing Solicitor, updated the Committee on the details of licences applied for, dealt with and appealed in the period 1 January 2023 to 25 May 2023. Mrs Davis informed the Committee the Licensing Service received 17 applications for new Premises Licences, of these applications, under the Licensing Act 2003, 11 were granted administratively as no objections were received and 4 were at the time of the meeting still in their representation period. During the same period, the Licensing Service also received 5 variation applications, 40 vary Designated Premises Supervisor applications and 23 transfers of Premises Licence.

Resolved:

To note the update on licences considered, dealt with and appealed.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Licensing Committee noted the date of the next meeting as 5 December 2023.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 17.55)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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