

MINUTES OF LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2020

Present:

Councillor Hutton (in the Chair)

Councillors

Brookes	Cox	Hunter	Mrs Scott
Mrs Callow JP	Critchley	O'Hara	Walsh
D Coleman	Farrell	D Scott	Wilshaw

In Attendance:

Mr Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager
Mrs Sharon Davies, Senior Solicitor
Mr Lee Petrak, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager

Councillor R Scott

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2019

The Licensing Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2019.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 3 June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY AND CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Licensing Committee considered a revised draft statement of Licensing Policy and a new Cumulative Impact Assessment.

Mrs Sharon Davies, Senior Solicitor, presented the item and reminded the Committee that the Council as Licensing Authority had a statutory requirement to update the Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years and that the current statement of Licensing Policy would expire on the 31 July 2020. She further explained that due to changes imposed by the Police and Crime Act 2017, the previous special saturation policies were required to form a separate Cumulative Impact Assessment rather than part of the Statement of Licensing Policy and had to be reviewed every three years from now on.

Mrs Davies highlighted that the Cumulative Impact Assessment broadly reflected the previous on-licensed town centre saturation area and presented a slightly amended off-licence saturation area with the majority of Victoria Ward now removed but additionally parts of Brunswick and Waterloo Wards proposed to be included. The revised boundaries had been based on evidence from the Police and the Council's Public Health Directorate.

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Mrs Davies explained that, if approved, the Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessments would be subject to consultation with the licensed trade, responsible authorities and any interested parties. Once that consultation had been completed then a report would be brought to the Licensing Committee for onward recommendation to Executive and Council.

Resolved:

To authorise an eight-week consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (attached at Appendix 3a to the agenda) and the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix 3b to the agenda).

4 LICENSING UPDATE

The Licensing Committee received an update on the details of licences applied for, dealt with and appealed in the period 18 May 2019 to 13 February 2020.

Mrs Sharon Davies, Senior Solicitor, highlighted to the Committee details of the fifteen Premises Licences granted administratively as no objections had been received, the two reviews of Premises Licence considered by the Licensing Panel and the resulting revocation of both Premises Licences. Mrs Davies further highlighted that there had been no appeals before the Magistrates Court during the period covered by the update,

Resolved:

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

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:

To note the date of next meeting as the 13 May 2020.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.00 pm)

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