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Licensing and Registration Committee

14 October 2021

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
COMMITTEE,
HELD ON THURSDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 2021 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, THORPE ROAD, WEELEY,
CO16 9AJ**

Present:	Councillors Winfield (Chairman), V Guglielmi (Vice-Chairman), Casey, Clifton, Coley, J Henderson, McWilliams and Skeels
In Attendance:	Linda Trembath (Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Governance) & Deputy Monitoring Officer), Michael Cook (Licensing Manager), Keith Durran (Committee Services Officer), Matt Cattermole (Communications Assistant) and Chloe Blackwell (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davis (with no substitute).

100. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 6 November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

101. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McWilliams declared an interest in item 8, Review of the Council's Draft Statement of Gambling Policy for Public Consultation, as she was a member of Cabinet.

102. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 38

There were none.

103. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee formally received and noted, for its information only, the Minutes of the meetings of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee held on 18 December 2019, 28 February 2020, 6 July 2020, 9 December 2020, 7 June 2021 and 13 August 2021.

104. PREMISES/PERSONAL LICENCES SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee formally received and noted, for its information only, the Minutes of the following meetings of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee held on 7 November 2019, 13 January 2020, 28 February 2020, 10 March 2020, 22 April 2020, 16 October 2020, 20 October 2020, 4 November 2020, 3 December 2020, 12 February 2021, 14 June 2021, 13 August 2021 and 19 August 2021.

105. REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS & DELIVERY) - A.1 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee heard how the last granted a fare increase effective from 15 August 2018.

The Committee considered a letter from the Tendring Taximeter Forum that requested both an increase in the scale of fares, and a change in distance for which the fare was calculated that was currently operative within the District, which was received on 9 August 2021.

The Committee also heard that if it decided to grant an increase to the table of fares, such increase must be advertised in the local press and any representations received placed before the next available meeting of the Licensing and Registration Committee for the consideration of Members.

It was moved by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor V Guiglielmi and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) an increase to the table of fares operative within the District, as set out in part 3 of the report, be approved.
- b) subject to (a), authority is granted to the Licensing Manager to proceed with the public notice of the intention of the Council to increase and amend the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale operative within the District in accordance with the request made.
- c) subject to (b) above, any representations received in response to the said public notice be considered by the Licensing and Registration Committee.

106. REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS & DELIVERY) - A.2 - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Members had before them for review and agreement, a draft revision of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy which would run for three years from the 31 January 2022 following public consultation, consideration by Cabinet and adoption by the Full Council.

The Committee heard how the Council was required to review and renew its Statement of Gambling Policy every three years in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005. The review and renewal of the policy was subject to public consultation and must be adopted by Full Council on recommendation from the Licensing and Registration Committee and Cabinet.

The Review was last undertaken 3 years ago and no significant issues had arisen through use of the Policy since this time. The proposed changes are considered minor however, internal consultation would be undertaken with the Council's Corporate Enforcement Group through that process.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Councillor Clifton and seconded by Councillor V Guiglielmi that it be **RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) the Samaritans be added to the list of Consultees,

- b) the draft revisions made to the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy be agreed for consultation purposes;
- c) the programme and timetable for public consultation, review, approval, publication and implementation of the revised Gambling Policy be as shown in the body of this report, subject to the responses received; and
- d) it is noted that the Council's Corporate Enforcement Group will form part of the consultation process.

107. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Schedule 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business to be considered below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

108. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - EXEMPT MINUTES

The Committee formally received and noted, for its information only, the exempt minutes of the meetings of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee held on 18 December 2019, 28 February 2020, 6 July 2020, 9 December 2020, 7 June 2021 and 13 August 2021.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.43 pm

Chairman

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