

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE on Tuesday 14 May 2019

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Committee members:

Councillor Cook (Chair)	Councillor Lygo (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Clarkson	Councillor Corais
Councillor Fry	Councillor Gotch
Councillor Humberstone	Councillor Upton
Councillor Wade	

Officers:

Daniel Smith, Lawyer
Alison Daly, Lawyer
Richard Masters, Licensing Compliance Officer
Joshua Curnow, Senior Licensing Officer
John Mitchell, Committee and Member Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillors Landell Mills and Taylor sent apologies.

1. Election of Chair for the Council Year 2019-20

The Committee Services Officer opened the meeting.

The Committee elected Councillor Cook to be the Chair for the Council Year 2019/20.

2. Election of Vice-Chair for the Council Year 2019-20

The Committee elected Councillor Lygo to be the Vice Chair for the Council Year 2019/20.

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Appointment of Sub-Committees 2019-20

The Head of Law and Governance had submitted a report to establish licensing casework sub-committees for the 2019-20 Council Year to deal with casework flowing from the Council's responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

The Committee resolved to:

1. **Appoint** as many licensing casework sub-committees of three members as there are combinations of three members in the total number of members of the Committee;
2. **Note** that the Sub-Committees' powers and duties are as set out in the Annex to this report; and
3. **Agree** the dates on which the Sub-Committees will meet if required.

5. Annual update on Licensing Authority Activity: 2018-2019

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the Committee of the progress made by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 during the full Council Year.

The Licensing Compliance Officer spoke briefly to the report, noting that five Premises Licences applications had been the subject of relevant representations, which required determination by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

The report drew attention to the continued high levels of enforcement and compliance work undertaken by the Authority to promote the night time economy as being vibrant and safe, and the various types of enforcement operations carried out.

The report also detailed the reactive enforcement following complaints from members of public submitted to the Authority in regards to licensed venues.

In response to questions he explained that the licensing team worked closely with other agencies such as the police and Trading Standards to conduct high visibility checks of compliance with licensing requirements on a regular basis. Contact was made with licence holders if complaints relating to licensing matters were received. There had been slight increase in the number of TENS applications over the previous Council year. There had also been an increase in applications for online alcohol sales, delivered to the purchaser's address. It was noted that such sales were subject to requirements for the vendor to confirm, at the point of delivery, that the purchaser was at least 18.

The Chair thanked the officers for the report and for the valuable work of the licensing team.

The Committee resolved to:

Note the contents of the report.

6. Minutes

The Committee resolved to:

Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January as a true and accurate record.

7. Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on:

18 September 2019.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.15 pm

Chair **Date: Wednesday 18 September 2019**