

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE on Wednesday 24 January 2018

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Committee members:

Councillor Clarkson (Chair)

Councillor Cook (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Azad

Councillor Humberstone

Councillor Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Wade

Officers:

Richard Masters, Licensing Compliance Officer

Daniel Smith, Lawyer

Lesley Rennie, Business Regulation Team Manager

Jennifer Thompson, Committee and Members Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillors Anwar, Brandt, Landell Mills and Munkonge sent apologies.

7. Declarations of Interest

None.

8. Licence Fees and Charges for 2018/19: Commercial Events, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments and Street Parties

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Community Services seeking agreement for the licence fees for 2018/19 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Licensing Compliance Manager reported that where the Council had discretion no increases in charges were proposed, as the fee would cover the expected costs to the Council. Fees were comparable to those in neighbouring districts. Enforcement action was taken against taxi drivers who were caught failing to comply with the legal regulations. The City Council approved street closures for small events under the Town and Police Clauses Act: the County Council approved road closures for large events under different powers.

The Committee resolved to:

agree the licence fees and charged for 2018/19 as set out in the Appendix to the report and recommend these to Council.

9. Licence Fees and Charges for 2018/19: Miscellaneous Licensing

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Sustainable Development and Regulatory Services seeking agreement for the licence fees for 2018/19 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Business Regulation Team Manager reported that where the Council had discretion increases in charges to ensure cost recovery were proposed, except for one fee remaining at the 2017/18 level to help encourage uptake. She confirmed that when the team were made aware of a business operating without licences they contacted it to discuss their requirements.

The Committee resolved to:

agree the licence fees and charged for 2018/19 as set out in the Appendix to the report and recommend these to Council.

10. Minutes

The Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2017 as a true and accurate record.

11. Dates of Future Meetings

The Committee noted the dates.

The meeting started at 6.15 pm and ended at 6.25 pm

Chair

Date: Wednesday 16 May 2018