

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE on Monday 3 February 2020

Committee members:

Councillor Cook (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Corais

Councillor Gotch

Councillor Lloyd-Shogbesan

Councillor Tanner

Councillor Taylor

Councillor Wade

Officers:

Daniel Smith, Lawyer

David Stevens, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Joshua Curnow, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Samantha Broome, Licensing Officer

Katie Thorp, Licensing Compliance Officer

John Mitchell, Committee and Member Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillors Clarkson, Lygo and Wolff sent apologies.

19. Declarations of Interest

None.

20. Licence Fees and Charges for 2020/21 (Commercial Events, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Road Closure Orders, Scrap Metal Dealers, Sex Establishments and Street Parties)

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to seek agreement for the licence fees for 2020/21 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report, drawing the Committee's attention to the fact that the licensing of Scrap Metal Dealers and collectors was an executive function (and the responsibility of Cabinet) and had been brought to the Committee just for its information.

The fee for a Licence Variation / Transfer application for the sex establishment and sexual entertainment venues had been recalculated in line with the new and renewal application fees which had been brought to a previous meeting of the Committee.

In relation to fees for temporary road closures for street parties and or commercial events the Committee was keen that thought should be given to exploring the possibility of a sliding scale of charges to the benefit of non-commercial, community

enhancing activities (such as street parties). The Licensing Officer agreed to provide members of the Committee with data about the number and nature of street closures over the previous 12 months. This fee was differentiated on the basis of the number of people expected to attend, with a threshold of above and below 500. It was for the organisers of an event to determine what the number might be.

The Committee resolved to:

Agree the licence fees and charges for 2020/21 as set out in the Appendix 1 and recommend them to Council

21. Licence Fees and Charges for 2020/21 ((Miscellaneous Licensing)

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to seek agreement of the licence fees for 2020/21 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Principal Environmental Health Officer introduced the report, reminding the Committee of the wide spectrum of activities covered by it and which related solely to the functions of the Business Regulation Team.

While an inflationary increase was proposed to the previous year’s fees and charges, it was not proposed to increase those for Street Trading Consent so as to promote and support street trading in the City.

The Committee resolved to:

Agree the licence fees and charges for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A and recommend them to Council.

22. Minutes

The Committee resolved to:

Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September as a true and accurate record.

23. Dates of Future Meetings

Meetings are scheduled on:

- 21 May 2020
- 22 September 2020

The meeting started at 6.15 pm and ended at 6.30 pm

Chair

Date: Thursday 21 May 2020