

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Wednesday, 8 July 2015 at 6.35 pm.

PRESENT

A Harrison (Chairman)
R Clark (Vice-Chairman)

F Biggadike
T A Carter
M G Chandler

P E Coupland
J L King
C J Lawton

J Tyrrell

In Attendance: Councillors , Democratic Services Support Officer and Food Health & Safety Manager

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors G K Dark

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 March 2015 and 20 May 2015 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

- 20 May 2015 – to delete reference to Councillor A Casson in the Panel Matrix and replace with Councillor T Carter.

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.

Cumulative Impact Zone

The Chairman invited Councillor Chandler, Committee member of Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Licensing to talk about work which was taking place to look at making certain areas within Spalding becoming a Cumulative Impact Zone.

Councillor Chandler advised that officers of the Council had been instructed to investigate the possibility of making Spalding a Cumulative Impact Zone. A Cumulative Impact Zone referred to the detrimental effect on the promotion of the licensing objectives caused when a significant number of licensed premises were concentrated in one area. This could have had impact on crime and disorder or public nuisance in that area. A Cumulative Impact

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Policy creates a rebuttable presumption that any new application for a premises licence or variation within a specific area will normally be refused.

Currently certain areas within Spalding Town Centre were covered by a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) which was due to expire in October 2017, it was hoped that a Cumulative Impact Zone would be in place prior to the PSPOs expiration.

Councillor Chandler explained that the MP for South Holland and the Deepings, Rt Hon John Hayes MP was fully in support of the proposal, and that there had been some success in other areas of the country such as Wisbech, Brighton and Cambridge.

It was hoped that the introduction of a Cumulative Impact Zone would give councillors and officers of the authority the power to object and refuse applications, limit or refuse extension of trading hours etc. to licensed premises within the named area. It would have an impact on all licensable activity including, gambling, early morning restriction orders and food.

The Communities Team had already completed some work during 2013 looking at the area of which it should cover.

The Chairman asked that Councillor Chandler keep the Committee briefed and they would lend their support as and when necessary.

(The meeting ended at 7.27 pm)

(End of minutes)