

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Wednesday, 29 June 2022 at 7.31 pm.

PRESENT

J Tyrrell (Chairman)
P A Redgate (Vice-Chairman)

A C Beal
F Biggadike
H J W Bingham

M D Booth
A Casson
A M Newton

G T D Rudkin
A R Woolf
C N Worth

In Attendance: The Public Protection Manager, the Licensing Officer, the Assistant Licensing Officer and the Democratic Services Assistant

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors A C Cronin, J L King and G P Scalese

1. **MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021.

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting be signed as a correct record.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none

3. **COMMITTEE OF LICENSING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

The Public Protection Manager gave an update on a paper received from the Home Office in April to Licensing Committees to highlight the national upturn in cases of drink spiking. The paper asked local authorities to work with relevant authorities around measures to be taken to help reduce the number of cases of drink spiking. The Council had been in touch with Lincolnshire Police to gain their view on the information received from the Home Office and they confirmed that they had written to all Premises Licence Holders within the South Holland area to highlight the risk of spiking.

It was noted that there were very few cases of drink spiking in South Holland with only 2 cases being reported since December 2021, but this was over the winter period and there was likely to be an increase in numbers over the summer months, according to the Police.

The police were promoting a national scheme called Licensing SAVI which encouraged premises to look at the risks within their own operations and ways to

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assist with safe drinking. Businesses were encouraged to register their interest in the scheme, but the Council had no authority to make them take part in the scheme.

Members raised the following points:

- It was a very important item, but well-run premises should not have the issue and the Authority should take any police reports of drink spiking in our area very seriously.
- Was there any update on the planning appeal for the building where Dorothy Perkins used to be based?
 - Officers responded to say that the issue was still in the hands of the planning inspectorate and a decision on the appeal was due soon.

AGREED:

That the update be noted.

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

There were none.

(The meeting ended at 7.38 pm)

(End of minutes)