

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 7.45 pm.

PRESENT

A Harrison (Chairman)  
T A Carter (Vice-Chairman)

G R Aley  
M D Booth  
A Casson  
M G Chandler

R Clark  
G K Dark  
H Drury  
J L King

C J Lawton  
A M Newton  
E J Sneath  
J Tyrrell

In Attendance: The Licensing and Business Support Manager, Licensing Officer and Clerk to the Committee

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors M J Pullen

14. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

15. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016 were signed as a correct record.

16. **LICENSING QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT**

The Licensing and Business Support Manager introduced the report which provided an update on activities relating to the work of the Committee of the Licensing Authority.

It was confirmed that the high proportion of annual fees was effectively renewals.

The Chairman congratulated the team on the processing time for TEN's applications.

Councillor Chandler congratulated the Licensing Team and the Committee members on their work on the Panels and added that the police held the Panels in high regard.

The online facility had been given a soft introduction and the team were happy with how it was working and further promotion on the website would follow.

17. **CUMULATIVE IMPACT REVIEW UPDATE REPORT**

The Licensing and Business Support Manager provided an update on the review of Licensed Premises in South Holland and the need for Cumulative Impact Policy.

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Key points from the discussion were as follows:

- There was limited intelligence available in relation to alcohol related harm linked to specific premises in South Holland;
- A Task and Finish Group was set up by the Substance Misuse Board county wide – this would give a more joined up focus looking at how we can improve information sharing;
- The Cumulative Impact Policy was a tool designed to address specific circumstance in the locality where there was a saturation of licensed premises within an area causing issues. The original review was to deal with alcohol abuse in town attributed to the rapid increase of licensed premises in town at that time. It was noted that there had now been a decline in the number of licensed premises in the town;
- The law stated that you should also consider other activities;
- Other interventions were now in place and would continue to be in place;
- A Public Space Protection Order was now in place;
- There was continued work with the police and continued building on the sharing of information through the County Task Group;

**AGREED:**

- (a) That officers be thanked for their work to date;
- (b) That at present it was acknowledged that the situation had changed in town and at this time it wasn't considered necessary to proceed with work to introduce a Cumulative Impact Policy.

**18. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.**

The Chairman advised the Committee that she had received an email from Julie Grant whose mother had passed away in a house fire caused by an illegal cigarette that didn't extinguish. The Chairman read the details of the email to the Committee. The Licensing and Business Support Manager advised the Committee that she had a meeting with Trading Standards shortly to consider further joined up work on illegal tobacco.

Members were advised of a training opportunity that had arisen on 20 February at Breckland Council offices.

(The meeting ended at 8.55 pm)

(End of minutes)