

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Thursday, 19 April 2018 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

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

G R Aley
M D Booth
A Casson
G K Dark

C N Johnson
J L King
A M Newton
E J Sneath

J Tyrrell
Whitbourn

In Attendance: Licensing & Business Support Shared Manager Shared, Licensing Team Leader, Assistant Licensing Officer and Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors M G Chandler and H Drury

14. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

15. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

16. **LICENSING ACT UPDATE**

The Licensing Team Leader provided an update to the Licensing Act

In regards to the Royal Wedding. Pub opening hours were being relaxed on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 May and an order had been issued that allowed premises that sell food and alcohol to be open until 1am. It was stated that if a premises wished to employ any entertainment, then a separate temporary event license would have to be applied for.

An update was provided to the work that had been achieved over the last year, the following topics were included;

- Immigration act – right to work checks.
- Equalities act.
- New sex establishments policy was in place.
- Street trading policy would be brought back to the committee.
- A new recruit had been employed to the licensing department.
- An officer had become the team leader between both authorities.
- Online applications implemented.

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- The 'Get ready for Christmas' Business event had taken place and was well attended.
- A cumulative impact policy had been investigated
- Public protection team running safety advisory groups
- Contributed to national debate on moving some licensing responsibilities to planning
- Licensing consultation and pre-application advice now being promoted and available through EHTC
- Licensing training would soon be available face to face rather than just online.
- The department has adopted an agile working policy

Hearings

There had been 2 premises licence reviews

There had been no taxi hearings

There had been a Home Boarder hearing

There had been a lower amount of hearings in the previous year but officers stated that they were expecting more reviews in the near future.

Members asked what the results of the punchbowl hearing was. It was answered that there was no appeal and the wife of Mr Williams had submitted a request to become the Designated Premises Supervisor. It was also mentioned that the time frame from both Mr Williams and the police to appeal had passed.

Members asked if there were any hearings planned in the future. Officers responded that they had no information on any, but that they were expecting the police to be proactive.

The Gambling Act statement of principles was due to be renewed in 2018 and will be published January 2019 following consultation.

Officers stated that the new Animal welfare legislation, taxi review and gambling act policy and street trading policy will be focussed on in 2018/19.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

17. COMMITTEE TRAINING

Members were reminded that the training was compulsory and was on 30 April 2018 in Kings Lynn.

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

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There were none.

(The meeting ended at 7.47 pm)

(End of minutes)