

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in This will be a meeting held in line with The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020, on Thursday, 5 November 2020 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT

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

A C Beal
F Biggadike
H J W Bingham

A Casson
A C Cronin
J L King

G T D Rudkin
G P Scalese
A R Woolf

In Attendance: Councillors, Licensing and Business Support Manager and Licensing Team Leader, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Booth and M Seymour.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Licensing Authority that was held on 10 September 2020.

AGREED:

That the minutes be signed as a correct record as soon as practicably possible.

4. **REVISED LICENSING ACT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

Consideration was given to the proposed draft Statement of Licensing Policy (2021 to 2026) (Report of the Licensing and Business Support Manager).

The Licensing and Business Support Manager advised Members that the agreed 6 week consultation period had elapsed with the draft statement being made available on the council website to members of the public and to stakeholders.

Feedback had been received including queries regarding village fetes and recommendations from Lincolnshire Police for measures to be incorporated into the policy regarding street drinking. These recommendations are reflected in the report.

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The Chairman was advised by the Licensing and Business Support Manager that the new recommendations would not immediately affect existing licence holders; only new licences and licences that come before the panel for review. However, the new recommendations would set the tone for the expectations of licence holders in the District. Mechanisms are also in place for the Police to make discretionary requests (for the items listed in Section 4.2 of the draft Statement) to be included in licence applications and reviews. This was supported by the Legal Services Manager.

The Licensing and Business Support Manager also asked the Members to consider the following points:

1. Should changes to the policy made as a result of feedback from the consultation period be put out for consultation with the trade?
2. Would the measures apply to the whole of the District?

Members asked whether there was sufficient time for the draft Statement to go to further consultation. The Licensing and Business Support Manager advised that the Statement would need to be adopted by January 2021 with the option to adopt it immediately followed by further consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee consider the consultation feedback provided in section 1.8 of this report.
2. That the Committee agree a final version of the policy to go to Full Council for approval.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. The policy is required to be reviewed at least every 5 years and needs to be adopted by January 2021.
2. A full consultation has been carried out and consideration should be given to the responses received.
3. The recommendation is that an agreed final version of the policy goes to Full Council for approval.

AGREED:

1. That the recommendations from the Police be incorporated under section 4.2 of the draft Statement.
2. That the Policy be reviewed again in light of the Police feedback, be brought back to the Committee of the Licensing Authority and legal advice is sought regarding the length of consultation required in order to implement changes.
3. That the revised Statement be put forward to Full Council.

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OTHER OPTIONS:

1. Agree a final version of the policy.
2. Do nothing.

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

There were none.

(The meeting ended at 7.00 pm)

(End of minutes)