

# Minutes

of the Meeting of the

## Licensing Committee

**Tuesday, 18th June 2019**

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 10am      Meeting Concluded: 10.55am

### Councillors:

P Caroline Cherry	A James Clayton
P Andy Cole	John Crockford-Hawley
P Hugh Gregor	Ann Harley
P Nicola Holland	P Ian Parker
A Robert Payne	P Marcia Pepperall
P Mike Solomon (Chairman)	A James Tonkin
A Roz Willis	

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

**Officers in attendance:** Amanda Hodge (Development & Environment), Caz Horton (Development & Environment), Sioux Isherwood (Development & Environment), Heather Sanders (Corporate Services), Sara Saunders (Corporate Services), Kellie Trego (Development & Environment)

### **LIC 1 Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year 2019-20 (Agenda item 1)**

The Committee indicated that it did not wish to elect a Vice-Chairman.

**Resolved:** that Councillor Mike Solomon be elected as Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2019-20.

### **LIC 2 Declaration of disclosable pecuniary Interest (Agenda item 4)**

None.

### **LIC 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 06 December 2018 (Agenda item 5)**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

### **LIC 4 Annual Report on the administration and enforcement of licensing regimes, including policy reviews (Agenda item 7)**

The Director of Development & Environment reported on the administration and enforcement of all licensing regimes. The Principal Environmental Protection and Licensing Officer presented her report, which detailed the

Licensing activities undertaken within the financial year 2018/19 in relation to the functions and responsibilities carried out by the North Somerset Licensing Team. The report also advised that the Street Trading and Street Cafe Licensing Policies had been reviewed and updated, and that a film classification policy had been developed to aid consistency within the decision making process. The Committee was now invited to comment on the licensing policies prior to public consultation being undertaken on these.

The Principal Environmental Protection and Licensing Officer responded to Members questions and queries regarding staffing levels and fee structure, and multi-agency working/ joint enforcement with external partner agencies. A Member commented on the omission of cyclists from the street trading/street café policies.

**Resolved:**

- (1) that the outcomes and administration of the various Licensing Regimes undertaken by the North Somerset Licensing Team be noted; and
- (2) that following the public consultation exercise the duly revised Street Trading and Street Cafe Licensing Policies, and the newly developed Film Classification Policy be reviewed by the Committee, prior to these being referred to the Council for adoption.

**LIC 5 Waiver of political balance and adoption of hearing procedures (Agenda item 8)**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported on the adoption of Section 17 of the local Government and Housing Act 1989. The report invited the Committee to consider waiving political balance for Licensing Sub-Committee meetings convened to determine licensing matters, and to adopt the hearing procedures which set out a framework for the conduct of Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings. The Solicitor and Senior Legal Advisor then responded to Members questions and queries.

**Resolved:**

- (1) that Section 17 of the local Government and Housing Act 1989 be adopted; and
- (2) that the hearing procedures be adopted.

**6 LIC Change of meeting date (Agenda item 9)**

**Resolved:** that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 05 November 2019, at 10am and the Municipal Calendar be revised accordingly.

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Chairman

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