

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held at Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Chesters (Chairman)

Councillors Biederman, J. Cann, Gubb, Haywood, Jones, Moore, Wilkinson and Yabsley.

Officers:

Lead Officer Licensing (HB), Solicitor (DH), and Corporate and Community Services Officer (AD).

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Campbell, Mathews, Meadlarkin and Tucker.

20 MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018 (circulated previously) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

22 ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman updated the Committee on the outcome of an appeal which had taken place recently at the Magistrates Court.

23 GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Lead Officer Licensing highlighted to the Committee the amended changes in the Gambling Statement of Principles (circulated previously) and explained that the Council had a legal obligation to review its policy every five years. There had been no public responses to the survey, which had run for 9 weeks online. There had been three representations to the proposed Gambling Statement of principles received from businesses which were set out in the report at paragraphs 4.12 to 4.19.6.

The Lead Officer Licensing then outlined the summary of changes made to the Gambling Statement of Principles as outlined at Appendix 3, (circulated

previously), this included proposed recommendations made by the Gambling Commission's Compliance Manager.

RECOMMENDED that, the revised Gambling Statement of Principles be adopted.

A vote of thanks was given to the Lead Officer Licensing for all his hard work putting the report and policy together.

24 LICENSING ACT 2003 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Lead Officer Licensing summarised his report, (circulated previously) to the Committee and explained the amendments that had been made to the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy. In particular he drew the Committee's attention to the addition of a new paragraph which ensured applicants and licence holders made themselves aware of any planning restrictions that might already be in place on a premises when applying for a licence.

He advised that there had been a representation made by Punch Taverns and each of their points raised had been addressed by the Lead Officer Licensing as set out in his report, (circulated previously), from paragraphs 4.11 to 4.11.11.

RECOMMENDED, that the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

A vote of thanks was given to the Lead Officer Licensing for all his hard work putting the policy together.

25 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the minutes of the Sub-Committee E held on 23rd July 2018, (circulated previously). The Committee discussed whether there would be a benefit to amending the existing Hackney Carriage policy in particular the age of the vehicle to be registered. The Lead Officer Licensing advised the Committee that the policy was due to be reviewed as a matter of course and that an end date to the age of vehicles could be added rather than allowing older cars to be licensed. The small number of applications received for a wheelchair adapted vehicle meant that a Sub-Committee was able to make decisions on these, case by case, as received by the Authority.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee E held on 23rd July 2018, (circulated previously), be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

26 **WORK PROGRAMME/FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee considered the work programme (circulated previously) and the Lead Officer Licensing advised the Committee that work had begun on Animal Activities and that there would be a report brought to committee in December 2018.

RESOLVED, that the work programme be noted.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.