

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 8th March 2017 at Retford Town Hall

Present: Councillor J Potts (Chair)
Councillors J R Anderson, B A Bowles, K M Greaves, S Isard, G Jones, D Merryweather, D Potts, D R Pressley and K Sutton.

Officers in attendance: S Aston, B Pinkney, A Webster and S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm.)

(The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and read out the Fire Alarm/Evacuation Procedure. She also enquired as to whether any member of the public wished to film/record the meeting or any part thereof; however, although the applicant was present, this was not taken up).

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H M Brand and G Clarkson.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

52. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th January 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2017 be approved.

53. MINUTES FOR ACTION

The Council Solicitor informed Members that all actions had been implemented.

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

54. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

55. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

(a) Best Bar None

Members were updated on the Nottinghamshire Best Bar None Accreditation Scheme/awards.

The Best Bar None Scheme is about recognising responsible retailers and raising standards across the industry. The Nottinghamshire scheme is the first county-wide scheme that has been run in the UK. This year, the Best Bar None Nottinghamshire scheme was 'Highly Recommended' at the National Awards in the category of 'Best Bar None Most Innovative Scheme 2016'.

10 Premises from the Bassetlaw District were successful in receiving accreditation.

On 26th January 2017 Bassetlaw District Council hosted the District awards, at Worksop Town Hall, to present certificates to those successful in receiving accreditation and to announce which premises had been successful in progressing to the County Awards ceremony (28th February 2017). At the County Awards ceremony the winner for Bassetlaw District, as well as the overall Nottinghamshire Best Bar None winner, would be announced.

Members were advised that the winner of the Best Bar None Scheme was The Millhouse, Worksop.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee notes the contents of the report detailing the second year of the Best Bar None scheme for Nottinghamshire.

56. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 7(a) – Suspension or Revocation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence Following Convictions – Paragraph 1.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

57. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

(a) Suspension or Revocation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence Following Conviction

Members were asked to consider and determine what action to take if any, against the holder of a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence. The holder of the licence was present.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked.
2. A warning to be issued on the Operator's Driver's Licence as to future conduct and this to stay on file for a period of 2 years.

58. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT.

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 7.40pm.)