

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held virtually on Wednesday 21st April 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor J Potts (Chair)
Councillors J R Anderson, G Clarkson, T P Eaton, S Isard, D R Pressley,
H Richards, N J Sanders, J M Sanger and C Tindle.

Officers in attendance: S Aston, L Dore, E Hinsley and S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm.)

The Chair welcomed all to the virtual Licensing Committee and explained that councils have been enabled to hold virtual meetings in order to allow business to be conducted while maintaining social distancing due to the outbreak of Covid-19. She then introduced Members and Officers by doing a roll call. The Chair outlined that in the event of the livestream failing or Members losing connection the meeting would be adjourned to allow the connection to be re-established. She reminded participants to take appropriate safety precautions from their place of livestreaming.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Greaves and G Jones.

69. 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.

70. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 be approved.

71. MINUTES FOR ACTION

The Council Solicitor (CS) advised that he had contacted the Parks and Open Spaces Department with regards to a query about fishing on the River Idle at Kings Park. He was informed that there is no intention to license fishing at Kings Park. There are no officers that work in the park to enforce non-licensed activity. Although grounds staff are encouraged to move people on if found fishing in the park, it is unlikely that this activity would take place during their working hours.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List and updates be received.

72. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

In reference to Minute No. 31 Street Trading Review, this will be undertaken when the Principle Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory) returns from maternity leave.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List and updates be received.

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

None.

73. 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. 6a – Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence – Paragraph 1

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

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

(a) Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence

The Committee was asked to consider and determine an application for a three year combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence.

The applicant was present and answered questions posed by Members in reference to the application. The meeting was also attended by the applicant’s prospective employer who spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED that the applicant be granted a three-year Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence.

75. 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 7:05pm)