

LICENSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 31st July, 2018
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Mark Olszewski – in the Chair

Councillors Miss J Cooper, John Cooper, Dymond, Johnson, Robinson,
Spence, Sweeney, Walklate, J Waring, S White and Wright

Officers NESTA Barker - Head of Environmental Health Services,
Matthew Burton - Licensing Administration Team Manager,
Geoff Durham - Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer,
Anne-Marie Pollard - Solicitor and
Trevor Smith - Community Safety Officer

1. **PART 1 - LICENSING**

2. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Kearon, Parker, J Tagg, G Williams and J Williams.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

5. **GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES (GAMBLING POLICY)**

Consideration was given to a report seeking agreement for the consultation process for the Council's Gambling Policy.

Members' attention was brought to paragraph 2.2 of the report which outlined a number of amendments that had been made to the 2016 Policy.

Paragraph 2.5 of the report gave options of who to consult. Councillor Robinson suggested that paper copies of any consultation be made available for people who did not have access to any access to the internet.

Resolved:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Draft Gambling policy for Newcastle under Lyme be approved.
- (iii) That the commencement of the ten week consultation be agreed.
- (iv) That any responses received to the consultation be considered by the committee at the meeting to be held on 30 October,

2018 and that recommendations of this Committee be included in the final report to Full Council.

- (v) That the updated Policy be presented to Full Council for approval at its meeting on 21 November, 2018.

6. **FIVE MINUTES BREAK**

7. **PART 2 - PUBLIC PROTECTION (OPEN)**

8. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were declarations of interest stated.

9. **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS VARIATION**

Consideration was given to a report updating members on a review undertaken on the Public Space Protection Order for Newcastle Town Centre.

The Council's Community Safety Officer, Trevor Smith advised Members that Cabinet had approved the two proposed variations as set out in the report.

There were a lot of professional beggars in the town centre and Members were advised that there had been a lot of displacement from Stoke on Trent due to measures that had been introduced by the City Council.

Newcastle's aim would be to target persistent aggressive beggars rather than issuing a lot of Fixed Penalty Notices.

Councillor Spence referred to paragraph 3.1 of the report and requested that Members receive more information on this.

Resolved: That the two variations to the Public Space Protection Order in Newcastle Town Centre be approved.

10. **INSTITUTE OF LICENSING - CREATION OF GUIDELINES ON HOW TO TREAT TAXI APPLICANTS WITH CONVICTIONS**

Consideration was given to a report notifying Members of the model Convictions Guidelines that had been created by various Associations.

The Council's current Taxi Policy was presently under review and would be brought to the next meeting. It was anticipated that the model guidelines would be included in the updated Policy.

Resolved: That the document be noted.

11. **PART 3 - PUBLIC PROTECTION (CLOSED)**

12. **DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Resolved:- That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration if the following matter because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in

paragraphs 1,2 and 7 contained within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972

13. MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 June, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

14. APPEAL OUTCOME -MR TK

Resolved: That the report be received.

15. APPEAL OUTCOME - MR SK

Resolved: That the report be received.

16. APPEAL OUTCOME - MR MA

Resolved: That the report be received.

17. APPEAL OUTCOME - MR TH

Resolved: That the report be received.

18. APPEAL OUTCOME - MR RA

Resolved: That the report be received.

19. URGENT BUSINESS

The following item was considered urgent to enable sufficient membership of the Public Protection Sub Committees.

Public Protection Sub Committees

There had been an issue with Members not being able to attend meetings of the above held during Tuesday daytimes.

The Council's Head of Environmental Health Services, Nesta Barker informed Members that she would review the arrangements and report back to the next meeting.

COUNCILLOR MARK OLSZEWSKI
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.55 pm