

## **LICENSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Monday, 27th April, 2020  
Time of Commencement: 6.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor Mark Olszewski (Chair)

**Councillors:** G. Hutton                      J Waring                      G. Heesom  
T. Kearon                              G White  
S. Sweeney                             G Williams

**Officers:** Geoff Durham                      Mayor's Secretary / Member  
Support Officer  
Nesta Barker                             Head of Environmental Health  
Services  
Anne-Marie Pollard                      Solicitor  
Daniel Dickinson                         Head of Legal /Monitoring  
Officer  
Claire Ryles                                Technical Assistant

Also in attendance:

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO LICENSING MATTERS**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January, 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

4. **VE AND VJ DAY ANNIVERSARY - LICENSING ACT 2003 ORDERS**

Consideration was given to a report informing Members of two Licensing Hours Orders to allow certain licensed premises to open later on VE Day and VJ Day.

The Council's Head of Environmental Health Services, Nesta Barker advised that the VE day late opening may not go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions currently in place.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO PUBLIC PROTECTION MATTERS**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

6. **PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE FEES AND CHARGES 2020/2021**

Consideration was given to a report asking Members to consider proposed taxi and private hire fees following consultation.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraph 3.1 of the report which showed the proposed fees and charges which were all set at cost recovery. Members were advised that as the fees should have been agreed at the previous meeting which had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak, a date of implementation needed to be agreed as the 1<sup>st</sup> April had passed.

Councillor Graham Hutton proposed that the implementation date be 4 May which would allow time for the new fees and charges to be commenced. Members agreed this date.

Councillor Jill Waring enquired about the Freedom of Information Request referred to in paragraph 2.7 of the report. Mrs Barker advised that a response had been sent and the information would be sent to Councillor Waring.

**Resolved:** That the proposed fees be approved for 2020/21 and implemented from 4 May, 2020

**7. PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval of the Public Protection Sub-Committee arrangements.

Members' attention was drawn to the revised table at paragraph 2.4 which set out the rota to 5 May, 2021.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the report be received and the dates and times of Members' required attendance at Sub-Committees, be noted.
- (ii) That, should Members be unable to attend a sub-Committee meeting, they notify Democratic Services of a substitute.

**8. REVIEW OF SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 AND TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847**

Consideration was given to a report seeking Members' support for a proposed amendment to the scheme of delegation allowing officers to deal with certain types of applications.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraphs 2.4 to 2.7 of the report which set out the current detail and the proposed changes.

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to Council that the proposed amendments to the scheme of delegation be approved.

**9. 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

10. **MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the meetings held on 22 January, 5 February, 26 February, 11 March, 25 March and 15 April, 2020 be received.

11. **APPEAL OUTCOMES**

**Resolved:** That the appeal outcomes be received.

12. **URGENT BUSINESS**

**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 6.32 pm