

## **Report to Full Council (January 2019) from the Chair of Licensing & Public Protection**

The Licensing & Public Protection Committee has met once since the last Full Council, on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Members received reports on the following principle headings:

- Taxi Policy Update and Consultation.

Members supported an extension to the consultation period, following a request from representatives of the trade. The consultation will now run until 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

- Public Protection and Public Protection Sub Committee Arrangements.

Consideration was given to a report seeking Members approval for changes to the arrangements for the Public Protection Sub-Committee meetings. The changes have been made to accommodate Members availability for the meetings.

A programme of meetings and nominated members to be developed. The Public Protection Sub Committee to include 4 members per Sub Committee to ensure a quorum of 3 members in attendance.

- The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

Consideration was given to a report advising Members of changes that had occurred as a result of the Animal Welfare (Licencing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

Members were advised that staff would require additional training in the future and that this work had to be prioritised.

- Extended Use of Fixed Penalty Notices.

Consideration was given to a report seeking Members approval to increase the number of environmental offences where enforcement may be delivered through the issuing of penalty notices. The two new provisions will be small scale fly tipping and littering from vehicles.

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