

LICENSING & PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 18th October, 2022
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

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Present: Councillor Andrew Parker (Chair)

Councillors:	Whieldon	Sweeney	Wright
	S White	Wilkes	J Williams
	Barker	Adcock	G Williams
	Heesom	Dymond	Brown

Apologies: Councillor(s) Skelding and Allport

Substitutes: Councillor David Hutchison
Councillor Lesley Richards

Officers:	Matthew Burton	Licensing Administration Team Manager
	Geoff Durham	Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer
	Gillian Taylor	Housing Manager
	Michelle Hopper	Senior Partnerships Officer
	Steve Edge	Partnerships Interventions Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO LICENSING MATTERS

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June, 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

3. BUSINESS AND PLANNING ACT 2020 UPDATE

The Committee considered a report informing them of updates to the Business and Planning Act 2020 and regulations relating to relaxations in respect of pavement licences and alcohol off-sales. Members were advised of the Government's extension to the provisions for Pavement Licences and alcohol off-sales to 30 September, 2023.

Proposed:

- (i) That the proposed amendments to the Business and Planning Act 2020 and contents of the Regulations be noted.
- (ii) That all Pavement Licences will be granted to expire on 30th September 2023.

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4. MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August, 2022 be received.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO PUBLIC PROTECTION MATTERS

There were no declarations of interest stated.

6. FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN 2022/23 AND REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE IN 2021/22.

The Committee considered a report outlining the work planned by the Food and Safety Team in 2022/2023 and the previous year's performance.

A copy of the Food Safety Service Plan was appended to the report.

Resolved: That the Food Safety Service Plan for 2022/23 be received and endorsed.

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7. PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report outlining the future rota for attendance at Public Protection Sub-Committee meetings.

Resolved:

- (i) That the report be received and the amending of the frequency of meetings from every 3 weeks to monthly, be agreed.
- (ii) That the date and time where attendance at sub-committee is necessary, be noted by Members
- (iii) That Members notify Democratic Services of an available substitute in the event that they are unable to attend a meeting that they are due to attend.

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8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TAXI LICENSING POLICY - 2021-2025

The Committee considered a report seeking approval to implement changes into the Taxi Licensing Policy.

The table at paragraph 2.7 outlined the proposed changes and a tracked-changed version of the Policy was appended to the report.

Resolved: That the proposals contained within the report be implemented into the Policy in line with the proposed implementation dates.

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9. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER - PUBLIC CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Committee considered a report giving an update on a consultation that had taken place on two proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's). The findings were outlined at paragraph 2 which also included proposed additional conditions at paragraph 2.3.

Members were asked to receive the consultation results and approve the draft PSPO's to allow a further 6 week consultation on the final proposals.

It was queried where people went when they were moved away from these two areas with the suggestion that it was moving the problem elsewhere. The PSPO's were a small piece of work allowing behaviours of individuals to be targeted. However, the comments would be taken on board for consideration.

Resolved: That Officers to carry out further public consultation on the Requested amendments to the two proposed PSPO's at the following locations;

- (i) Newcastle Town Centre PSPO (see Appendix 1)
- (ii) Queen Elizabeth Park PSPO (see Appendix 2).

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10. UPDATE ON RESULTS OF TAXI LICENSING APPEALS

Members received an update on three appeals against Council decisions all of which were dismissed.

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

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11. MINUTES OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August be received.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

**Councillor Andrew Parker
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.58 pm