

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

4.00PM 4 MARCH 2021

VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Deane (Chair), Davis (Deputy Chair), O'Quinn (Opposition Spokesperson), Simson (Group Spokesperson), Atkinson, Appich, Bagaean, Ebel, Fowler, Henry, Knight, Lewry, Osborne, Rainey and Wares

PART ONE

22 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

22(a) Declarations of Substitutes

22.1 There were none.

22(b) Declarations of Interest

22.2 There were no declarations of interests in matters listed on the agenda.

22(c) Exclusion of Press and Public

22.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any of the items listed on the agenda.

22.4 **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items contained in part two of the agenda.

23 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

23.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) Meeting held on 26 November 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

24 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Statement of Licensing Policy and Review of Gambling Policy

24.1 The Chair, Councillor Deane explained that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP) as agreed by the Committee at their meeting on 26 November 2020 had now

been published and was available to view on the council website. It was also noted that the council's current Gambling Policy was due for review this year and that a report would come forward to a future meeting of the Committee.

24.2 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the Chair's Communications be noted and received.

Vote of Thanks – Councillor Wares

24.3 The Chair, Councillor Deane wished to place on record her thanks and those of the Committee to Councillor Wares for his valuable contribution to the work of the Committee during his period as a Councillor. Councillor O'Quinn the previous Chair concurred with all that had been said as did the other Members of Committee. The Committee were unanimous in sending Councillor Wares all best wishes for the future.

25 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

25(a) Petitions

25.1 There were none.

25(b) Written Questions

25.2 There were none.

25(c) Deputations

25.3 There were none.

26 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

27 COVID19 UPDATE – LICENSING AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR

27.1 The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Communities, the purpose of which was to provide an update on the report taken to the November meeting of the Committee on the effects on Licensing, both the trade and the service, from the impact of Covid 19 and the subsequent restrictions brought in intended to limit transmission of the virus.

27.2 Councillor Simson referred the arrangements which had been put into place in relation to the previous and current lockdowns and to the arrangements announced by the Government for a phased relaxation of the current arrangements for re-opening businesses. Councillor Simson asked whether Officers had any indication at this stage as to the number of businesses which would be re-opening and the number which would not. The Regulatory Services, Jim Whitelegg, explained that was difficult to ascertain, the overall position would not become clear until the current lockdown arrangements were lifted.

27.3 Councillor Henry enquired regarding lessons learnt as a result of the pandemic and it was explained that cross/interdepartmental working and working with other agencies had worked very well and that some of the processes put into place would continue post

lockdown and would ensure that measures could be put into place rapidly should further lock-downs be required at a future date.

27.4 **RESOLVED** – That Members note the contents of this report and that officers should continue to take action as appropriate.

28 SCHEDULE OF APPEALS

28.1 There were none.

29 SCHEDULE OF REVIEWS

29.1 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted.

30 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

30.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

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