

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE (NON-LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

4.00PM 25 JUNE 2020

VIRTUAL, VIA SKYPE

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Councillors Henry and Lewry

PART ONE

1 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

(a) Declarations of Substitutes

1.1 There were none.

(b) Declarations of Interest

1.2 There were no declarations of interests in any matter listed on the agenda.

(c) Exclusion of Press and Public

1.3 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.

1.4 **RESOLVED:** That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items on the agenda

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003 Functions) Meeting held on 12 March 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

3 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4 CALLOVER

4.1 All items appearing on the agenda were called for discussion.

5 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

5a Petitions

5.1 There were none.

5b Written Questions

5.2 There were none.

5c Deputations

5.3 There were none.

6 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

6a Petitions

6.1 There were none.

6b Written Questions

6.2 The following written question set out at Item 6b on the agenda had been received from Councillor Simson:

“Will the Chair please give an explanation as to why the taxi trade has not been consulted on changes to street layouts resulting in the loss of taxi ranks in response to Covid 19 emergency measures and will she give assurance that consultation will take place on any future changes?”

6.3 The Chair, Councillor O’Quinn gave the following response:

“The council, via Traffic Management, has the power under section 14 of the Road Traffic Act to temporarily remove a bay due to public safety. In this case it relates to social distancing and the need to provide separation as much as possible for people moving through the area in these unprecedented times. The council had to act very quickly as St James Street was identified as a high risk for people queuing in the area and the need to have it ready for the opening of retail. The decision was not taken lightly, but there was little choice as this location was a particular challenge. Traffic Management have emphasised that the change is temporary and they are keen to find an alternative location with the Trade.

6.4 **RESOLVED** – That the response given be received and noted.

6c Letters

6.5 There were none.

6d Notices of Motion

6.6 There were none.

7 HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING

7.1 The Committee considered a report of the Interim Executive Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Communities updating Members This report is to update Members on enforcement action taken against Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers and Applicants between March and June 2019.

7.2 **RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report be noted and that officers continue to take action as appropriate.

8 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

8.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

