

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2018

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2018

19. Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Principles

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report setting out (a) the results of a public consultation in respect of a revised Gambling Statement of Principles, and (b) a proposed Gambling Statement of Principles as required under Section 189 of the Gambling Act 2005.

Resolved – That, subject to the inclusion of the email address of Swindon's branch of Gambler's Anonymous within the Statement of Principles and requiring betting establishments to display this email address, the revised Gambling Statement of Principles set out within the report be approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

25. Introduction of a Local Policy in respect of Home Boarding Businesses with Additional Hosts

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager seeking the approval of the Committee to adopt a revised local policy in respect of Home Boarding Businesses with additional hosts following changes to guidance issued by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and (b) the comments of Hillary Coates and Alex Giles (Local Boarding Business representatives).

Resolved – That Council be recommended to adopt a revised Home Boarding Premises Policy, as set out within the report, including (a) an officer inspection of premises prior to any grant or renewal of a licence, and (b) authorisation for the Council's Licensing Manager to determine unannounced additional inspections of premises of home boarding premises defined as falling "out of scope" in guidance issued by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report setting out proposals for a revised Street Trading Policy for the Borough following a public consultation and the consideration of responses arising from the consultation by the Committee at its meeting held on 22nd November 2018.

Resolved – That Council be recommended to adopt the revised Street Trading Policy subject to the following amendments:

- (a) That no street trading involving food shall be permitted within 200 metres of an educational establishment;**
- (b) That the removal of the restriction on food sales only being permitted where it is ancillary to a market (this would allow food festivals and food markets within the area designed as markets only);**
- (c) A market shall require a minimum of 4 stalls to be constituted;**
- (d) That the designated streets be amended as set out in the report such that those currently designated “under consideration” be prohibited save for the holding of markets; and**
- (e) That any application by individual street traders for a permit to trade in restricted streets shall be deemed to have been refused unless it has been considered and approved by the Licensing Committee.**

MINUTE TO NOTE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2018

51. Possible effects of leaving the EU

The Committee considered a report setting out the issues identified so far for the Council in light of the departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union ("Brexit") on 29th March 2019. The report also addressed the Council's response to Brexit through both its inward investment and business retention and expansion programmes. The report was submitted following this Committee's request for an update at its meeting on 10th September 2018 (Minute 26 refers) along with a subsequent Council resolution on 20th September 2018 (Minute 41 refers).

Councillor David Renard, Leader of the Council, and Councillor Oliver Donachie (Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity) responded to questions and observations put by Councillors Des Moffatt, Stan Pajak, Jim Robbins, Chris Watts and the Chair on the following matters:

- The potential effects on the Council if there is a 'no deal' situation, particularly regarding issues such as the benefits currently gained from European funding.
- The contingencies in place should civil unrest result from the Brexit issue.
- How the Council, through the Local Resilience Forum and with support from the Business Retention, Expansion and Inward Investment Team, can assist businesses with considering eventualities and creating plans for Brexit.
- How smaller businesses can access support through organisations such as the Chamber of Commerce and The Federation of Small Businesses. The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership, through the Growth Hub, has also published information to help businesses prepare for Brexit.
- The consideration given to meta-economic circumstances (such as larger businesses dominating demand and supply, impacting on the ability of smaller businesses to compete) and how the Council can react to issues in, and support the needs of, key sectors not directly under its control.
- Concerns regarding the impact of Brexit on the trade of exports to the European Union (EU).
- The effect of the referendum result on the number of EU workers in Swindon, and the number of staff who might be EU citizens affected by the need to apply for Settled or Pre-Settled status.

- The potential impact on children's social care services if those EU citizens currently employed within the service decide to leave, and whether the Council will look outside the EU for recruitment in the future.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Chair and Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity be asked to report the outcomes from this discussion to the Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Council.

(3) That information requested by members during the course of the Committee's consideration of this item be forwarded to them via the Committee Clerk.