

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT:- Councillors Vinay Manro (in the Chair), Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Steph Exell, Steve Heyes, Nick Martin, Stan Pajak, Bazil Solomon, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Nadine Watts and Robert Wright.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Imtiyaz Shaikh and Vera Tomlinson.

12. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. Councillor Abdul Amin made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Items 5 and 6 as he was a licensee within the Borough.

13. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

14. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

15. Statement of Licensing Policy - Review

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report setting out a review of the Council's Licensing Policy and seeking authorisation to go out to consultation in accordance with Section 5(1) of the Licensing Act 2003.

Resolved – (1) That the Licensing Manager be authorised to arrange for the current Statement of Licensing Policy, attached at Appendix A of the report to be subject to public consultation for a six week period from 25 January to 8 March 2021 in accordance with the arrangements set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report.

(2) That the Licensing Manager be authorised, in liaison with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to make any minor typographical amendments to the document prior to consultation if required

(3) That the Licensing Manager report the outcomes of the consultation exercise to the Licensing Committee at the earliest opportunity.

(Councillor Abdul Amin made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this item as he was a licensee within the Borough.)

16. Cumulative Impact Policy - Review

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out a review of a Cumulative Impact Policy, set out within the report, and seeking authorisation to undertake a consultation exercise for its renewal in accordance with

Sections 5 and 5A of the Licensing Act 2003, and (b) information provided by Sargent Neighbour and PC Diffin (Wiltshire Constabulary) in respect of the operation of the current Cumulative Impact Policy.

Resolved – (1) That the Licensing Manager be authorised to arrange for the current Cumulative Impact Policy, attached at Appendix A to the report, to be the subject of public consultation for a six week period from 25 January 2021 to 8 March 2021.

(2) That the Licensing Manager, be authorised in liaison with the Chair of the Licensing Committee to make any minor typographical amendments to the document prior to consultation if required.

(3) That the updated evidence provided from Wiltshire Police in support of retaining the current Cumulative Impact Policy be noted.

(4) That the Licensing Manager report the outcomes of the consultation exercise, and evidence collated as part of the cumulative impact assessment, to the Licensing Committee at the earliest opportunity following the closure of the consultation period.

(Councillor Abdul Amin made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this item as he was a licensee within the Borough.)