

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Brian Mattock in the Chair; Councillors Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Malcolm Davies, Steph Exell, Fionuala Foley, Nick Martin, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Nadine Watts and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Ballman, Paul Dixon, Vera Tomlinson.

### **16. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

### **17. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **18. Public Question Time**

Mr Mervin asked whether the introduction of a Byelaw to set a standard throughout the Borough for Tattooing would be a logical way forward. The Chair responded at the meeting.

The Committee was asked whether the Committee agreed with him that any Tattoo Hygiene Policy, or standards approved, should be compulsory for all tattoo premises within the Borough. The Chair responded at the meeting.

The Committee was asked whether Tattooists within the Borough could help establish a policy and standards for tattooing within the Borough. The Chair responded at the meeting.

The Committee was asked why the proposals for consultation only included hygiene and did not reflect the skill level of the tattooist. The Chair responded at the meeting.

Mr Bannister asked if the Council would support including details of the local Gamblers Anonymous within its Policy document and require them to be displayed in betting establishments. The Chair responded at the meeting.

### **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.

## **20. Consultation for the Tattoo Hygiene Rating System**

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report seeking the Committee's approval to undertake a public consultation for a Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme within the Borough.

Resolved – (1) That approval be given to a twelve week consultation, commencing in January 2019, with the public and relevant organisations in respect of the proposed Code of Conduct for the Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme as set out within the report.

(2) That, the results of the consultation referred to in (1) above, be submitted to this Committee for consideration.

(3) That the fees for the Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme, as set out within the report, be approved.

(4) That the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage be requested to write to the Secretary of State to ascertain whether there are currently any plans by Government to introduce national regulations and/or standards for individuals and premises involved in tattooing.

## **21. Street Trading**

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report setting out public responses received following a consultation reviewing the Borough's Street Trading Policy.

Resolved – (1) That the report and responses received in respect of the public consultation reviewing the Council's Street Trading Policy be noted.

(2) That the street trading policy, as amended by members, be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

(3) That the Head of Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage be requested to write to the Secretary of State to ascertain whether consideration could be given to bringing door to door sales and charity commercial street collectors (who take credit details rather than collect money) under some sort of formal Licensing regime.