

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 13 JUNE 2019

PRESENT:- Councillors Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Malcolm Davies, Steph Exell, Emma Famarzi, Nick Martin, Brian Mattock, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Vera Tomlinson, Nadine Watts and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Dixon and Garry Perkins.

6. 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.

7. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2019, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

9. Member Training - The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

The Committee received training from The Council's Licensing Team in respect of "The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018". The training included the following key areas:

- Licensable Activities falling under the jurisdiction of Swindon Borough Council.
- Legislation currently in force to control licensable activities.
- The current responsibilities of the Council's Animal Licensing team.
- An overview of the following changes introduced under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.
 - The introduction of a Star Rating System by the Council in compliance with the Regulations.
 - The methodology for determining ratings under the Regulations, including risk scoring matrix.
 - Key points for activities covered by the Regulations.
 - Animal related activities requiring a licence under the regulations and the application process for these activities for licensable activities.
 - Changes to the appeals process arising from the introduction of the Regulations.
 - Legislation and Regulations repealed or revoked following introduction of the new Regulations.
 - The fee structure approved by the Council's Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety for licensable activities covered by the Regulations.

- Potential issues facing the Council as a result of the introduction of the new Regulations.
- Advice received from DEFRA in respect of the introduction and operation of the new Regulations and potential forthcoming changes to the Regulations.
- Current Legislation not affected by the introduction of the new Regulations.