

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Michael Bray, Oliver Donachie, Fay Howard, Derique Montaut, Eric Shaw, Kevin Small, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Vera Tomlinson (Chair) and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Haines and Maureen Penny.

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.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Vera Tomlinson made a non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 (Model Conditions for Dog Breeding) and Agenda Item 6 (Proposed Conditions for Dog Care) as her daughter-in-law looked after dogs and was a registered dog breeder.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Mick Bray made a non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item 8 (Model Conditions for Catteries) as his family used Cattery facilities within the Borough.

7. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2015, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

9. Taxi Fees Consultation

The Committee received an oral update from the Council's Licensing Manager concerning (a) the current consultation exercise with Hackney Carriage Operators and Drivers regarding Taxi Fees, (b) the fee structure being consulted upon, (c) the level of fee increases being proposed, and (d) responses received to the consultation.

Resolved - (1) That the oral report of the Council's Licensing Manager be noted.

(2) That the Cabinet be recommended to undertake a review of the Taxi Fee structure on an annual basis.

10. Model Licence Conditions for Dog Breeding

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report reviewing current Licensing Conditions for Dog Breeding within the Borough and setting out proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Dog Breeding within the Borough for public consultation.

Resolved – (1) That a public consultation on proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Dog Breeding within the Borough, as set out in the Licensing Manager's report, be approved.

(2) That this Committee receive the results of the consultation, referred in in (1) above, with a view to considering the adoption of a set of Licensing Conditions for Dog Breeding within the Borough.

(3) That the Council's Licensing Manger, in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the proposed policy prior to consultation.

(In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Vera Tomlinson made a non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this Item 5 as her daughter-in-law was a registered dog breeder.)

11. Proposed Conditions for Dog Day Care

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report reviewing the current Licensing Conditions for Dog Day Care within the Borough under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 and setting out proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Dog Day Care within the Borough for public consultation.

Resolved – (1) That a public consultation (including boarding establishments and other relevant organisations on the proposed conditions, set out in Appendix 2 to the Licensing Manager's report, for Dog Day Care/Crèche establishments within the Borough, be approved.

(2) That this Committee receive the results of the consultation, referred in in (1) above, with a view to a formal adoptions of revised conditions within the Borough.

(3) That the Council's Licensing Manger, in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the proposed policy prior to consultation.

(In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Vera Tomlinson made a non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this Item as her daughter-in-law looked after dogs.)

12. Model Licence Conditions for Pet Shops

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report reviewing Licensing Conditions for Vending within the Borough under the Pet Animals Act 1951 and setting out proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Vending within the Borough for public consultation.

Resolved – (1) That a public consultation on proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Pet Shops within the Borough, as set out in the Licensing Manager's report, be approved.

(2) That this Committee receive the results of the consultation, referred in in (1) above, with a view to considering the adoption of a set of Licensing Conditions for Pet Shops within the Borough.

(3) That the Council's Licensing Manger, in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the proposed policy prior to consultation.

13.

Model Conditions for Catteries

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report reviewing the current Licensing Conditions for Catteries within the Borough under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 and setting out proposed Model Licensing Conditions for Catteries within the Borough for public consultation.

Resolved – (1) That a public consultation on the proposed conditions, set out in the Licensing Manager's report, for Catteries within the Borough, be approved.

(2) That this Committee receive the results of the consultation, referred in in (1) above, with a view to a formal adoption of a set of conditions for Catteries within the Borough.

(3) That the Council's Licensing Manger, in consultation with the Chair, be authorised to make any necessary minor amendments to the proposed policy prior to consultation.

(In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Mick Bray made a non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of this Item 8 as his family used Cattery facilities within the Borough.)