

LICENSING COMMITTEE
18TH APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Pacey (Chair)
Councillors Lowe and Williams (Vice-chairs)
Councillors Bentley, Brookes, Capleton, Murphy, Radford,
Savage, Smith, Sutherland, Taylor and Tillotson

Head of Regulatory Services
Democratic Services Manager
Licensing Manager
Democratic Services Officer (NA)

PC Mike Green (Leicestershire Police)

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th February 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

21. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Councillor Sutherland made a disclosure of a personal interest that he was a member of the Musicians' Union. The disclosure was made as the report mentioned music venues and live music events.

22. QUESTIONS UNDER OTHER COMMITTEE PROCEDURES 12.8

No questions had been submitted.

23. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY AND THE SPECIAL POLICY ON CUMULATIVE IMPACT (INCLUDED WITHIN THE LICENSING ACT 2003 POLICY)

A report of the Head of Regulatory Services was submitted seeking approval for a draft Statement of Licensing Policy, made in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, for consultation prior to submission to Full Council for approval (item 5 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Head of Regulatory Services and the Licensing Manager attended the meeting to assist the Committee with consideration of the report. The Licensing Manager advised the Committee of subsequent changes due to a correction and Government legislation that had come into effect after the report had been written. In particular an amendment to section 1.1 which should have stated that the policy would last for 5 years instead of 3, and amendments regarding the introduction of the Immigration Act 2016. These included checking that individuals have the right to work in the UK and adding the Home Office as a Responsible Authority in relation to the new immigration controls for licensed premises.

With the consent of the Committee, PC Mike Green of Leicestershire Police addressed the Committee on the matter of the Special Policy on Cumulative Impact.

RESOLVED

1. that the draft Statement of Licensing Policy, made under the Licensing Act 2003 and attached at appendix 1 to the report of the Head of Regulatory Services, be approved for consultation subject to the following amendments:
 - changing the length of the policy from 3 to 5 years in section 1.1
 - the inclusion of information regarding the Immigration Act 2016 at sections 2.2, 6.3 and 14.2
 - and that the Head of Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to finalise the wording of the amendments;
2. that the continuation of the Special Policy on Cumulative Impact contained within the draft Statement of Licensing Policy be approved subject to the revised boundaries to the Cumulative Impact Zone shown in appendix 4 to the report of the Head of Regulatory Services, and that consultation on the Special Policy and the boundaries of the Cumulative Impact Zone be undertaken alongside that on the Statement of Licensing Policy;
3. that, subject to resolutions 1. and 2. above and following the consultation, the Head of Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to make minor amendments and alterations to the Statement of Licensing Policy including to the boundary of the Cumulative Impact Zone, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, and to submit the final version of the Policy to Full Council.

Reasons

1. To set out the Council's policy in respect of liquor licensing that meets the licensing objectives and to comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.
2. To set out the Council's policy in respect of liquor licensing that meets the licensing objectives, to comply with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and to propose amendments to proposed changes to the boundary of the Cumulative Impact Zone following a report from Leicestershire Police.
3. To ensure that minor changes can be made to the Statement of Licensing Policy, and enable submission to Full Council in an efficient manner if only minor changes are required.

NOTES

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 26th June 2017 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of the minutes.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.