

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - 29 JUNE 2020

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JULY 2020

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr Robert Knowles (Chairman)
Cllr Martin D'Arcy
Cllr Jerome Davidson
Cllr Patricia Ellis
Cllr Maxine Gale

Cllr Michael Goodridge
Cllr Anna James
Cllr Jacquie Keen
Cllr Michaela Martin
Cllr Ruth Reed

Apologies

Cllr Peter Clark

Also Present

Councillor Peter Isherwood and Councillor Jerry Hyman

LIC1/20 MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the last meeting had already been agreed by Full Council but were noted by the Committee.

LIC2/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Clarke who had been called away at the last minute, therefore no substitute had been appointed.

LIC3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

No Declarations of Interest had been submitted for the items in the meeting.

LIC4/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4.)

No questions from members of the public had been received for this meeting.

LIC5/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Agenda item 5.)

No questions from members had been received for this meeting.

LIC6/20 ACTION AUTHORISED (Agenda item 6.)

No actions had been authorised that required noting.

LIC7/20 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/ PRIVATE HIRE POLICY/FARE REVIEW & LICENCE FEES (Agenda item 7.)

Paul Hughes outlined the proposal set out in the agenda.

The committee **AGREED** that it would be pragmatic and flexible to delay the following review processes as result of uncertainty and issues arising from the Covid 19 pandemic and to continue to review and progress this work once a level of normality has returned.

- Hackney carriage/Private Hire Policy review – continue to pause and review again in 6 months
- Hackney carriage/Private Hire Policy Fare Review – pause the review with fares to remain as they are currently and with a further review in six months' time.
- Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence Fees – cancel the proposed Hackney carriage/Private Hire increase to Licence Fees (as businesses are likely to be disrupted as a result of the impact of Covid-19)

LIC8/20 STREET TRADING REVIEW (Agenda item 8.)

Richard Homewood, Head of Environmental & Regulatory Services presented the agenda report and the request for the committee to authorise the start of a public consultation on the review of the Street Trading Policy.

There had been a rise in complaints about street trading and it was therefore proposed to make all streets that were not already prohibited for street trading as consent for trading streets. This would mean traders would only be able to trade there if they had applied for and received consent.

The committee was advised that when an application for consent was submitted, notifications would go out to the ward councillors and the town or parish as well as to residents in the immediate area for comments to be submitted. Conditions could then be imposed on the consent if necessary.

The committee was also advised for information that the Business and Planning Bill was scheduled to go through the Commons shortly on Pavement Licensing. This related to different legislation than for Street Trading.

The Committee **AGREED** to the proposal to go out to consultation on the revised Street Trading Policy.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.37 am

Chairman