

Minutes of Licensing

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 23 March 2021, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor G Mirfin (Chair)

Councillors:

J Alcock	R Newmark
R Bennett	D O'Rourke
D Berryman	S O'Rourke
R Elms	S Rainford
S Hirst	M Robinson
S Hore	G Scott

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Solicitor

Also in attendance: Councillors

1067 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillor Allan Knox

1068 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1069 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

1070 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

1071 LICENSING ENFORCEMENT - UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing members of the current arrangements for enforcement in respect of the Council's responsibilities under the 2003 Licensing Act.

Members were reminded that the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 was approved by Full Council on 15 December 2020.

The report noted that during the COVID-19 pandemic the volume of licensing enforcement had been relatively low.

1072 LICENCE APPLICATIONS - UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing members of the number of licenses issued and what the trends in applications had been.

Members were reminded that under the authority of this Committee, the Council is responsible for the issue and administration of a variety of licences and for taking appropriate enforcement action.

The report set out a range of statistics relating to the various licence applications. Members were informed that most alcohol licence applications had been for the conurbations of Clitheroe, Whalley and Longridge and that there had been an increase in applications for micropubs.

1073 RE-OPENING OF HOSPITALITY VENUES

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing members of the actions the Council will undertake to assist hospitality venues to safely re-open.

Members were reminded of the enforced closure and substantial restrictions placed on the hospitality industry over the past 12 months.

The Committee were informed that the Council intend to contact all hospitality venues and that a mail shot is currently being prepared.

1074 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

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