



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Goodall (Chair), Councillors A Farrell, R Bilcliff, P Brindley, T Clements, Dr S Peuple, P Thurgood and R Ford

**CABINET:** Councillor S Doyle

The following officers were present: Colin John (Environmental Health Officer), Paul Holmes (Environmental Protection Officer) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) M Bailey

### **42 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor T Clements and seconded by Councillor Dr S Peuple)*

### **43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **44 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

There were no updates reported by the Chair.

### **45 SCRUTINY OF THE PROPOSED LICENSING POLICY 2020-2023**

The Report to the Licensing Committee of the Assistant Director, Growth and Regeneration on the Adoption of the Proposed Licensing Policy 2020-2023 was presented by the Environmental Health Officer.

The Report advised the Licensing Committee of the outcome of the consultations regarding the review of Tamworth's statement of licensing policy and proposed

cumulative impact assessment and provided Members with an opportunity to consider the revised policy and cumulative impact assessment before its consideration by Cabinet and Council.

The Committee was updated on the amendments suggested by the Licensing Committee including the additional recommendation made by that Committee and to be considered by Cabinet and Council.

The Committee discussed aspects of the proposed policy, in particular the role of the cumulative impact assessment to guide the Council when in receipt of new applications. It was reported that there would be rebuttable presumptions that new applications would normally be refused if representations about cumulative impact on licensing objectives were received, unless it could be demonstrated that the operation of the premises involved would not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced.

The Committee also discussed the interaction of this policy with the Gambling Policy, and in particular how the law applied to less than 3 gambling machines in licensed premises.

**RESOLVED** that the Committee supported the Report with the suggested amendments.

*(Moved by Councillor R Bilcliff and seconded by Councillor S Goodall).*

#### **46 2019/20 FORWARD PLAN**

No additional items were identified from the Forward Plan for consideration by this Committee.

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Chair