



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th JULY 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Price (Chair), Councillors L Clarke, T Clements, G Coates, A Cooper, T Jay, J Jones, R Kingstone and L Wood

The following officers were present: Wendy Smith (Head of Environmental Health), Sarah Gear (Senior Licensing Officer), Leanne Costello (Democratic and Executive Support Officer) and Tracey Smith (Democratic Services Assistant)

### **8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Maycock, P Thurgood, J Wade and J Wadrup.

### **9 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor T Jay and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)*

### **10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Chair explained to the Committee why there had been two additional meetings scheduled and thanked them for attending.

The Chair asked the Senior Licensing Officer to update the Committee on a recent case in which the penalty points scheme was used and a fixed penalty notice issued. A driver was witnessed by an officer smoking in his car and not having the licence plate fixed correctly. Subsequently, the driver was issued four points for not displaying his plates correctly and a further three points for smoking in his vehicle along with a fixed penalty notice which has since been paid. It was also confirmed that the incident had been reported in the local media. This was a good example of the points system working effectively.

The Chair confirmed that the driver had been given guidance on how to rectify the situation in the future.

**11 STREET TRADING POLICY 2024 - 2026**

Report of the Assistant Director, Growth & Regeneration to create a street trading environment which ensures fair trading, protects the amenity of residents, ensures the safety of those trading, promotes diversity and consumer choice and provides applicants with advice and guidance on the Council's approach to the administration for street trading consents and licences under Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("the Act").

**RESOLVED:** by the Committee:

That the Policy be referred back to the Officers to find out where the initial instruction came from and speak to the current relevant Portfolio Holder about whether the Policy is still relevant.

If it is decided that it is still relevant that this be supported by some statistical evidence.

*(Moved by Councillor B Price and seconded by Councillor R Kingstone)*

The Chair closed the meeting at 18:38.

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Chair