

# Minutes

## Licensing Committee

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Present:

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Present</b>
J Ayten	Apologies	R Ramage	Apologies
J Baugh (Chairman)	Yes	P Schwier	Yes
M Green	Yes	M Staines	Apologies
P Heath	Yes	W Taylor	Yes
I Parker	Yes	R van Dulken	Yes
J Pell	Apologies	L Walters	Yes
G Prime (Vice-Chairman)	Yes	R Wright	Yes

In the absence of Councillor J Ayten, Councillor S Mason was appointed as substitute.

### 6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**INFORMATION:** There were no interests declared.

### 7 **MINUTES**

**DECISION:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 8 **QUESTION TIME**

**INFORMATION:** There were no questions asked or statements made.

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions.

### 9 **BUSINESS AND PLANNING ACT 2020 (PAVEMENT LICENCES) (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2023 - TO EXTEND PAVEMENT LICENCES TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**INFORMATION:** Members of the Licensing Committee (the Committee) received a report which briefed the Committee with respect to the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 which extended the provision to grant a Pavement Licence to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. It was noted that Pavement Licences granted before the commencement date of the

Regulations would not be affected by the amendments and would expire on 30th September 2023. Licences granted after 9th August 2023 would expire on 30th September 2024.

Members also considered a revised Officer Scheme of Delegation (the Scheme), which removed the requirement for any amendments to the Scheme to be authorised by the Corporate Director, and instead assigned this responsibility to the Environmental Health Manager (Food, Health and Safety and Licensing) in consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

**DECISION:** That Members:

- 1) Noted that the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 extend the duration of Pavement Licences to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024; and
- 2) Agreed the revised Officer Scheme of Delegation with respect to Pavement Licences as set out in this report.

**REASON FOR DECISION:** To brief the Licensing Committee with respect to the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which extend the provision to grant a Pavement Licence to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Pavement Licences granted before the commencement date of the new Regulations are not affected by the amendment and will expire on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Licences granted after 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (the commencement of the Regulations) will expire on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Members also considered a revised Officer Scheme of Delegation.

## 10 **LICENSING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**INFORMATION:** Members of the Licensing Committee received an update on current licensing matters.

**DECISION:** That the Licensing Committee update be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Councillor J Baugh  
(Chairman)