

Minutes

Licensing Committee

12th September 2018



Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Mrs J Allen	Apologies	H Johnson	Yes
M Banthorpe (Chairman)	Yes	Mrs J Pell	Apologies
P Barlow	Yes	B Rose	Apologies
J Baugh (Vice-Chairman)	Yes	Mrs L Walters	Yes
J Elliott	No	Mrs S Wilson	Yes
J Goodman	Yes	Vacancy	
A Hensman	Yes		

12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

13 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 18th July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 **QUESTION TIME**

INFORMATION: There were no questions asked or statements made during Question Time.

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

15 **GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

INFORMATION: The Committee was advised that the Gambling Act 2005 authorised the Council to approve the use of premises for various gambling activities. The Council was also required to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy setting out the principles that it would generally apply when determining applications in order to ensure that the three licensing objectives of the Act were promoted. The Council was required to review its Policy every three years.

A draft, revised Statement of Licensing Policy had been published for public consultation for a period of 12 weeks. No representations had been submitted

during the consultation period. The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was attached to the Agenda report as an Appendix.

DECISION:

- (1) That it be **RECOMMENDED to Council** that the Gambling Act 2005 - Revised Statement of Licensing Policy, including the scheme of delegation set out in the Policy, be adopted and published, as set out in the Appendix to the report.
- (2) That the Environmental Health Manager (Food, Health and Safety and Licensing) be authorised to make minor amendments to the Policy, as required, before its submission to Council.

16 **ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSING**

INFORMATION: The Committee was advised, that in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 2006 it was proposed that existing legislation relating to the licensing of animals should be repealed and a new licensing system introduced. The new system would relate to selling animals as pets; providing for, or arranging for, the provision of boarding for cats or dogs; hiring out horses; dog breeding; and keeping, or training animals for exhibition.

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 would come into force on 1st October 2018 and these would require the Council to have new procedures in place. The Committee was therefore requested to consider proposed fees and charges, a scheme of delegation and the procedure for the determination of appeals in respect of risk ratings. Details of these matters were set out in the Agenda report and the accompanying Appendices.

DECISION: That it be **RECOMMENDED to Council**

- (1) That the fees and charges with respect to The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 for the period from 1st October 2018 to 31st March 2019, as set out in Table 1 of Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Scheme of Officer delegation as set out in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report be approved.
- (3) That the procedure for determining an appeal against a risk rating following the inspection/renewal of an operator as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.
- (4) That Article 9 of Chapter 1 of the Constitution (Licensing Committee) be amended to enable the Licensing Committee to discharge the licensing function on behalf of the Council under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England)

Regulations 2018 and any subsequent Regulations made under the Act for the purpose of animal licensing.

- (5) That the Head of Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution to reflect these provisions.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Councillor M Banthorpe
(Chairman)