

# Minutes

## Licensing Committee

26th February 2020



Present:

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
J Baugh (Chairman)	Yes	S Rehman	Apologies
Mrs J Beavis	Yes	B Rose (Vice-Chairman)	No
P Euesden	Yes	Mrs J Sandum	Yes
A Hensman	Yes	P Schwier	Yes
H Johnson	No	Mrs L Walters	No
Mrs J Pell	Apologies	Mrs S Wilson	Apologies
R Ramage	Apologies	B Wright	Yes

### 18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### 19 **MINUTES**

**DECISION:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 13th November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 20 **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.

### 21 **LICENSING ACT 2013 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

**INFORMATION:** Consideration was given to a report on the proposed review of the Council's Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members were advised that in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 the Council, as the Licensing Authority, was required to publish a Statement of its Licensing Policy every five years. The re-published Policy would set out the principles that the Licensing Authority would generally apply to promote the licensing objectives when determining applications submitted under the Act. The

last Statement of Licensing Policy had been published in January 2016 and it was due for re-publication in January 2021.

Members were advised that the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy attached to the Agenda at Appendix 1 was based upon the Essex Authorities generic framework. The Council did not propose to introduce any new initiatives or special policies at this time. If approved by the Committee, the draft Statement of Licensing Policy would be subject to public consultation for a period of 12 weeks starting in March 2020. Following consultation, the Licensing Committee would consider the Policy again together with any proposed amendments and refer it to a meeting of full Council for approval.

In accordance with the Council's obligations under the Equalities Act 2010, a draft Equality Impact Assessment had been completed in respect of the Policy.

**DECISION:** That the draft revised Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy be approved for the purpose of public consultation.

## 22 **LICENSING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**INFORMATION:** Members of the Committee received an update on applications determined by the Drivers' Panel and the Licensing Sub-Committee since 13th November 2019 and on current licensing matters.

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

The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Councillor J Baugh  
(Chairman)