

Minutes

Licensing Committee

9th September 2020



Present:

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

27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

INFORMATION: There were no interests declared.

28 **MINUTES**

DECISION: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14th August 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29 **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.

30 **STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION - CRITTALL ROAD, WITHAM**

INFORMATION: Members were asked to consider an application by Mr Gary Parmenter for a Street Trading Consent at Crittall Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 3DR. The Council's Street Trading and Collections Policy specified that if representations were received, that application was required to be determined by the Licensing Committee.

DECISION: That the Committee agreed to GRANT the application for Street Trading Consent.

REASON FOR DECISION: Members of the Licensing Committee are requested to consider an application made by Mr Gary Parmenter for a Street Trading Consent at Crittall Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 3DR.

31 **BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

INFORMATION: Members were asked to consider the revised Braintree District Council Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Act Policy for recommendation to Full Council on the 5th October 2020. Each Authority was legally required to formulate its Licensing Act Policy Statement, which must be reviewed and re-published every five years. The current Braintree District Council Licensing Act Policy Statement came into effect on the 7 January 2016.

DECISION: That the Braintree District Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 be recommended to Full Council.

REASON FOR DECISION: To approve the revised Braintree District Council Statement of Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Act Policy 2021. This will allow Braintree District Council to meet the timescales set by the Licensing Act 2003.

32 **CONDITIONALITY CHECK ON TAX REGISTRATION - RENEWED LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

INFORMATION: Legislation in the Finance Bill 2020-21 would introduce new measures requiring a tax check for applications to renew licences for Hackney carriage and private hire drivers, Private hire operators, Scrap metal dealers and Scrap metal – mobile collectors.

The measure would be implemented from April 2022 and was intended to make it more difficult for non-compliant traders to operate in the hidden economy. The hidden economy consisted of individuals and businesses with sources of taxable income that were entirely hidden from (HMRC). Conditionality, if introduced, aimed to address part of the hidden economy by helping applicants that applied for certain licences better understand their tax obligations. Legislation was planned to be introduced by way of the Finance Bill 2020-21 which would come into force from 4th April 2022.

DECISION: Members were requested to note the report for information.

REASON FOR DECISION: Members are requested to consider the report for information at this stage and should the requirement become law as suggested, a further update will be provided.

33 **LICENSING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

INFORMATION: Members were updated on applications determined and relevant new information.

DECISION: That Members noted the report.

REASON FOR DECISION: To update Members of the Licensing Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Councillor J Baugh
(Chairman)