

LICENSING COMMITTEE

3 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)
Councillors Sattar, Goddard, Lancaster and Wood

10 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ashgar Ali, Derbyshire, Ford and Jacobsen

11 : APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR, DEPUTY CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee noted that Council on 23 May 2019 appointed Norma Mackie as Chair and Councillor Abdul Sattar as Deputy Chair of the Committee.

The following Members were appointed:

Councillors Ashgar Ali, Bowen-Thompson, Derbyshire, Ford, Goddard, Jacobsen, Kelloway, Lancaster and Wood.

12 : TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee's Terms of Reference were noted.

13 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

14 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2018 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

15 : REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT POLICY

The Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP) is reviewed on a 5-year basis. The SLP was last reviewed in 2016 and is due to be reviewed in January 2022. However, the Police and Crime Act 2017 introduced Cumulative Impact Assessments (CIAs) in April 2018. CIAs should be published separately and are summarised in the SLP. Home Office guidance requires that CIAs are reviewed every 3 years. It was therefore necessary to review the SLP and publish a separate CIA.

The Committee received a report and Members were asked to consider approving the draft SLP and CIA for wider consultation with the consultees listed in the report. A number of minor administrative changes were also made to the SLP mainly in relation to changes to de-regulated entertainment, the introduction of 'right to work' checks and the introduction of the Home Office as a responsible authority.

In terms of the CIA, Members were advised that an extensive review of the current policy was conducted by South Wales Police. The review concluded that there is still large amounts of crime and disorder throughout the city centre area which is linked to the presence of licensed premises. Evidence suggested that licensable activities do contribute to crime and disorder issues. In addition to the statistical data that formed part of the evidence basis, the review of the policy also included a review of video evidence that demonstrated the problems in the City Centre that can be attributed to licensable activities. It was proposed that there be no change in the area or application of the current cumulative impact policy.

The Committee were given an opportunity to view a selection of the video evidence considered during the review process.

RESOLVED – That the Committee approve the draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Cumulative Impact Assessment for consultation with those bodies listed in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

16 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

No urgent items were received.

17 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting terminated at 10.25 am