

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 3.17pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams (Chair), Councillors, Mrs Bradley, Meller, Morton, Nedved, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff and Dr Tickner.

**OFFICERS:** Assistant Solicitor  
Licensing Manager  
Regulatory Compliance Officer (Apprentice)

**LC.01/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Brown and Councillor Tinnion.

**LC.02/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

**LC.03/20 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

It was agreed that the items of business in Part A be dealt with in public and the items of business in Part B be dealt with when the public and press were excluded.

**LC.04/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED – To note that Council has, on 7 January 2020, received and adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019. The Chair signed the minutes.

**LC.05/20 LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee 1 held on 19 December 2019 be noted.

**LC.06/20 UPDATE ON LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.06/20 providing an update on the current position regarding applications under the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Manager reported on the licence figures as 28 January 2020. The report detailed the New Premises Licenses and Temporary Event Notices which had been issued during the reporting period.

RESOLVED – That Report GD.06/20 be noted.

**LC.07/20 GAMBLING ACT 2005 –UPDATE**

The Licensing Manager presented report GD.07/20 providing an update on applications made under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager then highlighted the licence figures as at 28 January 2020.

The Licensing Manager reported that the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel, on 3 December 2019, (BTSP.86/19 refers) had requested that the fees relating to Gambling Premises and Machine Permits be reviewed, taking into account the impact of gambling in the local community. Under the Gambling Act 2005 the fees and charges for premises were based on a maximum fee set by central government and the gaming permits and notification had a set fee which could not be modified. The City Council was therefore able to charge an amount up to the maximum fee set by government for gambling premises. The fees agreed for 2020/21 and the maximum fees were appended to the report and would be reviewed as part of the 2021/22 budget process.

The Licensing Committee thanked the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel for their comments and noted that the fees and charges relating to the Gambling Act were fixed by Government.

RESOLVED – 1) That Report GD.07/20 be noted.

2) That minute reference BTSP.86/19 be welcomed and that the fees relating to the Gambling Act would be reviewed as part of the Council's annual budget process in line with central government guidance.

[The meeting ended at 3.23pm]