

ITEM 4

Time Commenced: 6:00pm

Time Finished: 6:25pm

LICENSING COMMITTEE

5 November 2020

Present: Councillor A Atwal (Chair)
Councillors Bettany, Cooper, A J Graves, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, J Khan, Marshall, Pearce, Peatfield, A Pegg, Sandhu, Skelton and Smale.

In Attendance: Lucie Keeler – Solicitor – Legal Services
Olu Idowu – Head of Legal Services
Mike Kay – Head of Environmental Protection, Housing Standards, Licensing, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity
Angela Rawson – Team Leader - Licensing

15/20 Apologies

No apologies were received

16/20 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items

17/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

18/20 Minutes of the Meetings held on 17 September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 were confirmed as an accurate record.

19/20 Boat and Boatman Licensing

The Committee considered a report from the Interim Director of Public Protection and Streetpride. The Head of Environmental Protection, Housing Standards, Licensing, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity presented the report

and explained to the Committee that the report contained an outline of Section 94 Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (The Act) relating to the licensing of pleasure boats and/or vessels and boatmen along with the steps required to adopt such legislation. This report had been brought to the Committee following on from a proposal to operate pleasure boat trips along a stretch of the River Derwent. The Head of Environmental Protection, Housing Standards, Licensing, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity explained that if Council adopt The Act it would give the local authority grant licenses for the pleasure boats/vessels, either for let or for carrying passengers and to also grant licenses to the persons in charge of navigating the vessels. The local authority would also be able to stipulate the terms and conditions of the licence and be able to charge an annual fee as deemed appropriate. The Licensing Team would be responsible for the administration and compliance of these licenses ensuring that such activities are carried out in a safe and controlled framework.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report**
- 2. Approve referral to Full Council for adoption of the Act into the Council Constitution**

20/20 Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards Update

The Committee considered a report from the Interim Director of Public Protection and Streetpride. The Team Leader of Licensing presented the report and briefed the Committee on the updated document released by the Department of Transport (DfT) which was intended to improve safety for passengers of both taxi and private hire vehicles. The Team Leader of Licensing confirmed that, as a Council, Derby were already doing a great deal in meeting the expectations of the DfT contained within the document.

The Team Leader then gave an overview of each area and details of the ongoing project to ensure all areas covered in the DfT's guidance was covered.

The Committee resolved to note the contents of the report

MINUTES END