

Time began: 6.00pm
Time ended: 6.30pm

LICENSING COMMITTEE
14 March 2024

Present Councillor A Holmes (Chair)

In attendance Councillors Chambers, Evans, Hudson, Kaur, J Khan,
Kozlowski, Lindsey, Rawson, Potter, Wilson, Smale & J Wright
Charlie Edwards – Director of Communities
Pop Gill – Interim Head of Community Safety & Licensing

Licensing Olu Idowu – Head of Legal and Insurance Services

20/23 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lakin and Sandhu

21/23 Late Items

There were no late items.

22/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

24/23 Boat & Boatperson Licensing Policy Review

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Communities asking them to consider the results of the consultation into the review of the Boat & Boatperson Licensing Policy and approve amendments proposed with immediate effect. It was confirmed that the Local Authority may review this Policy at any time and as the Policy had been operational for over a year it was felt this was an appropriate time to review the Policy.

The Committee were reminded that on 29 June 2023 they approved a draft document to be released for a 12 week consultation. This ended on 27 September 2023. During this time one response was received, from Mr Madge, Chairman of the Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust Limited. This was attached at Appendix 1. This response was considered at great length and a summary of the considerations was attached at Appendix 2. Changes which were incorporated into the proposed policy were detailed at appendix 3.

Resolved

- 1. To consider the responses to the consultation documented at Appendix 1 & 2 of the report.**
- 2. To approve the amended Boat & Boatperson Licensing Policy (Appendix 3) with immediate effect subject to the insertion of “their own GP” at paragraph 4.2**

25/23 Gambling Act Review

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Communities informing them that Derby City Council is the Designated Licensing Authority under the Gambling Act 2005 and is therefore required to produce a Statement of Principles. The Committee were informed that it was a statutory requirement that the Council, as the Licensing Authority, must adopt a new Statement of Policy, relating to gambling, to come into effect from 31 January 2025. This Statement of Principles was first published in October 2006 and is reviewed every 3 years. The last review being 2021.

Therefore, the Licensing Committee were being asked to consider the draft Statement of Principles (attached to the report at Appendix 1) and agree to it being released for a 12 week consultation process. It was confirmed that any responses would be considered by the Head of Licensing and the Service Manager for Licensing before being brought to a future Licensing Committee before the end of 2024 in order for a final Statement of Principles be approved and be referred to Full Council for ratification.

Resolved to approve the draft Statement of Principles for release for a 12-week consultation process.

26/23 Licensing Service Business Review

The Licensing Committee received a report from the Director of Communities confirming that Derby City Council was the designated Licensing Authority for over 16 areas of statutory licensing, each with its own legislative constraints. It was confirmed that the Licensing Authority ran on a cost recovery basis wherever possible and that it was important that business reviews were carried out on a regular basis to ensure the customer received value for money and also ensure that an effective and efficient service was being provided.

The report highlighted to the Committee some of the areas within Licensing that were undergoing a business review and detailed some of the business elements which may come before them in the next 12 months.

It was confirmed that the first business area to undergo the service review was Taxi & Private Hire Licensing. The report detailed the figures of Derby City Council's stock of Taxi & Private Hire adding that there had been a reduction in all areas since 2020. Committee were informed that the service was looking into ways in which they could oversee processes, making them smoother and adopt good practice, hopefully enticing some drivers back to Derby.

Resolved to note the contents of the report.

MINUTES END