

ITEM 4

Time Commenced: 6:05pm
Time Finished: 6:58pm

LICENSING COMMITTEE 17 MARCH 2016

Present: Councillor Sandhu (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, Jackson, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, Poulter, Redfern, Skelton and Turner

52/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hickson, Whitby and Winter.

53/15 Late Items

There were no late items to be introduced by the Chair.

54/15 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Barker and Hezelgrave declared interests in Item no. 00/00 as they were both members of the National Association of Market Traders with Councillor Barker being the president of the association.

55/15 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 January 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

56/15 Approval of Taxi Licensing Fees and Charges 2016/17

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place providing information on the outcome of the consultation exercise on the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17.

Resolved to approve the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2016/17 as set out in the report.

57/15 Draft Street Trading Policy – Consultation

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place on the Street Trading Policy Consultation. It was reported that at a previous meeting

Members had asked officers to prepare a Street Trading Policy that could be applied across the City, including the City Centre, in order that formal and consistent consideration could be given to outstanding and contentious street trading matters. It was noted that prior to wider consultation with existing street traders and key stakeholders, this report invited comment from the Licensing Committee on the Draft Street Trading Policy.

Members welcomed the report and stated that it was a good start to deal with the fragmentation between the markets and street trading of which there had been concerns for some time.

The Committee noted that there had been no liaison with the market officers, yet it was felt that they should provide a vital role in the consultation process. Councillor Barker, stated that the National Association of Market Traders would also be happy to provide advice and be involved in the consultation.

Mike Kay, Licensing Officer, provided Members with maps of the proposed street trading consent areas. It was noted, that unfortunately these were not clear or consistent and further explanation would need to be provided including the areas that were currently licensed, once guidance had been sought by officers.

The Chair suggested to the Committee that due to the lack of clarity around much of the consultation, officers update the report following Members comments and bring an updated report back to the Committee before the consultation begins.

Resolved:

- 1. to defer consideration of this report to allow officers further time to update a future report and provide clarity of the concerns the Committee had raised;**
- 2. to receive the update consultation at a future meeting before the consultation begins.**

58/15 General Licensing Administration and Compliance
Activities for Quarter 3 2015/16

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place providing information on the activities the general licensing service had undertaken

during quarter 3 of the 21015/16 financial year.

Resolved to note the report.

59/15 Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance
 Activities – Quarter 3 2015/16

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place providing information on the activities the taxi licensing service had undertaken during quarter 3 of the 2015/16 financial year.

Resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END