

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee
Friday, 11 November 2022
2.36pm to 2.50pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), Fearn (Vice-Chairman), Browne, Hackwell, McDonald, Prenter and Mrs Elizabeth Turpin

In Attendance: Franco De Fazio, Senior Licensing Officer
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Venky Krishnan, Prosecutions, Litigation and Licensing Lawyer
Emily Lane-Blackwell, Senior Licensing Officer
Stephen Platt, Democratic Services Officer

359 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Griffin, Kemp and Mahil.

360 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 was agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

361 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

362 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

363 Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2023 - 2028

Discussion:

The Committee considered a report which provided details of an updated Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003, for which approval was sought for public consultation.

The Licencing Manager advised that, when redrafting the policy statement, officers had taken account of the concerns expressed by Committee members at the meeting held on 18 October. A table of the proposed amendments had been produced and his would be included in the consultation documents for reference. The weblinks within the policy statement had been corrected and the personal email links replaced with generic ones.

The Licensing Manager said that, although Appendices 4, 5 and 6 remained within the policy statement at Appendix A to the report, officers were still recommending their removal as these referred to Mandatory Conditions, Suggested Conditions and Good Practice Guide, all of which were subject to change from time to time.

It was noted that the consultation period had been extended from 6 to 8 weeks, to make allowance for the fact that it included the Christmas period.

The Committee thanked officers for making the requested amendments so quickly. It was requested that the date of the ward map at the beginning of the document be checked, and also that consideration be given to including weblinks that were suitable for the paper version and not just the electronic version. Officers also agreed to further proof-read the document to remove minor spelling and grammatical errors.

Decision:

1. The Committee authorised officers to place the draft policy at Appendix A of the report, with Appendices 4, 5 and 6 removed, on the Council's website, advertise and consult with all relevant interested parties listed in Appendix C of the report.
2. The Committee agreed that the results of the consultation be reported back to the Licensing and Safety Committee together with a revised draft Statement of Licensing Policy, prior to recommendation to Full Council for approval.

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Chairman

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