

Agenda Item No: 14



Licensing Committee recommendations for consideration by Council at the Meeting of the Council on Thursday, 23 February 2017

Licensing Committee – 9 February 2017

16 Street Trading in Lewes District

The Committee considered Report No 36/17 which sought the Committee's approval of the findings of the consultation on the Committee's preliminary decision to un-designate streets within Lewes District as Consent Streets, with the exception of those named in paragraph 1 of the officer recommendations on page 38 of Report No 36/17.

The Environmental Health Service Manager highlighted paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 on page 39 of the Report when he reminded councillors that at its meeting on 8 December 2016, the Committee had authorised officers to publicise the preliminary decision to un-designate Consent Streets, in accordance with the provisions set out in Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. It was also resolved that the Committee be requested to reconvene once the 28 day period had elapsed following publication of the statement of intention in order to consider the representations, if any, that were received.

The Environmental Health Service Manager referred to paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 on page 39 of the Report as he explained that an advertisement was placed in a local newspaper on 15 December 2016, and that the consultation period had ended on 15 January 2017. The consultation was

sent to Town and Parish Councils, existing traders and stakeholders. During the consultation period comments were received from Falmer Parish Council and Highways England. Seaford Town Council had supported the proposal, but no other comments were received.

The Environmental Health Services Manager highlighted paragraphs 2.3 to 2.4 on page 39 of the Report, which detailed that Falmer Parish Council had requested to keep the current controls in Falmer Village, as it protected the village on football match dates hosted at the Amex Stadium. In addition, Highways England had advised whilst it did not object to any proposals, it respectfully requested that the A26 and A27 in Lewes District remain Consent Streets in order to retain control over trading, so as to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the strategic road network.

Resolved:

- 16.1** That the responses to the 28 day consultation period, as detailed in section 2 of Report No 36/17, be noted;
- 16.2** That the A26 and A27 within Lewes District and the named streets in Falmer, as detailed in paragraph 2.3 on page 39 and in Appendix 1 of Report No 36/17, be included as Consent Streets;
- 16.3** That the preliminary decision to un-designate streets within Lewes District as Consent Streets, with the exception of the streets listed in paragraph 4 of the officer recommendations on page 38 of Report No 36/17 be approved, subject to the amendment of Lewes Town – High Street being amended to read “Lewes Town – High Street (up to junction of Rotten Row)”; and
- 16.4** That the Environmental Health Service Manager be authorised to undertake the necessary steps to designate streets identified on pages 38 to 39 of Report No 36/17.

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Recommended:

- 16.5** That the Licensing Committee recommend to Council that it formally ratifies that the designation of Consent Streets as detailed in Report No 36/17 take effect on 1 April 2017.

t Report No 36/17 attached herewith – page 54.

17 Taxi Licensing Fees

The Committee considered Report No 37/17 relating to responses to the Taxi Licensing Fees which had been advertised to apply from 1 April 2017.

The Environmental Health Service Manager referred to paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the Report when he reminded the Committee that it had

approved the fees set out in Appendix 1 to Report No 37/17 at its meeting on 8 December 2017, subject to any responses received during the consultation period. He noted that no responses were received despite an advert which was placed in the Sussex Express on 29 December 2016, which asked for objections to the proposals to be submitted no later than 1 February 2017. A copy of the advertisement which was published in the Sussex Express could be found as Appendix 2 to the Report, and a copy of the advertisement had been available for inspection at Council offices at Southover House Reception.

The Environmental Health Service Manager highlighted paragraphs 3.3 to 3.6 of the Report which reminded the Committee that it had queried the £40K surplus for Taxi Licensing at a previous meeting on 8 December 2016 and had requested that a financial appraisal of income and expenditure be provided to the Committee. He brought the Committee's attention to the table in paragraph 3.6 of the Report which detailed the outcome of the requested financial appraisal.

The Environmental Health Service Manager reminded the Committee that there was an intention to use the £40K surplus to modernise the metal license plates to paper and plastic plates, and that the surplus would also be used to offset the cost of having CCTV cameras installed in taxis. He also reminded the Committee that a full review of taxi licensing costs was reported at the previous meeting on 8 December 2016, which resulted in some fees going up and some fees going down.

Resolved:

- 17.1** That officer recommendation 1.3 to Report No 37/17 be amended to read "That the Licensing Committee recommends to Council that it formally ratifies the new fees to take effect on 1 April 2017";
- 17.2** That it be noted that no responses had been received following the consultation on the scale of fees for Taxi Licensing as detailed in Report No 37/17; and
- 17.3** That the scale of Taxi Licensing Fees proposed in Appendix 1 to Report No 37/17 be approved.

Recommended:

- 17.4** That the Licensing Committee recommend to Council that it formally ratifies the new fees as detailed in Report No 37/17, subject to the amendment that the new fees take effect on 1 April 2017.

† *Fees attached herewith – page 62.*