

Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Ditchling & Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Lewes, BN7 1AB, on 29 July 2021 at 10:30am

Present:

Councillor Christine Robinson (Vice-Chair, in the Chair); Councillors Roy Clay, Johnny Denis, Stephen Gauntlett, Isabelle Linington and Linda Wallraven

Officers in attendance:

Michael Davis (Specialist Advisor, Regulatory Services)
Jo Dunk (Senior Specialist Advisor, Regulatory Services)
Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)
Paul Thornton (Specialist Advisor, Regulatory Services)
Dr Michele Wilkinson (Lawyer, Housing & Regulatory)

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held remotely (via Microsoft Teams) on 1 April 2021 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Liz Boorman, Jim Lord and Sean MacLeod (Chair).

3 Declarations of interest

There were none.

4 Urgent items

There were none.

5 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

6 Review of the Lewes District Council Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee considered the report which set out the Lewes District Council Statement of Licensing Policy and requested that Members agree to a six-week public consultation.

The Specialist Advisor (Regulatory Services) (SARS) summarised the report and its findings.

The Committee discussed the wording in sections 5.15.5 and 6.2.3 of Appendix 1, as detailed in section 2.2 of the report.

The Committee requested that the word *gender* be removed from paragraph 5 of section 1.4 of Appendix 1. Officers agreed.

The Committee requested that reference to temporary events be included in the Policy, under section 2 of the Policy. Officers agreed.

The Committee requested that the list of agencies as set out in section 6.3 of the Policy be reviewed and updated. Officers agreed.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Senior Specialist Advisor (Regulatory Services) be authorised to begin a six-week consultation with the public, trade and interested bodies; and
- 2) That, following the consultation period, the Customer First Resolution Team Operational Manager (Regulatory and Place) in conjunction with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, be delegated to consider the consultation responses and make any minor changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy and recommend any changes to Full Council for approval.

In the event of substantial changes being suggested as a result of the six-week consultation to the Statement of Licensing Policy, a report to be brought back to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

7 Review of the Lewes District Council Gambling Act Statement of Principles

The Committee considered the report which set out the Lewes District Council Gambling Act Statement of Principles and requested that Members agree to a six-week public consultation.

The Specialist Advisor (Regulatory Services) (SARS) summarised the report and its findings.

The Committee discussed previous statements and requested that officers use a standard corporate font for future documents. Officers agreed.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Senior Specialist Advisor (Regulatory Services) be authorised to begin a six-week consultation with the public, trade and interested bodies; and

- 2) That, following the consultation period, the Customer First Resolution Team Operational Manager (Regulatory and Place) in conjunction with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, be delegated to consider the consultation responses and make any minor changes to the Statement of Gambling Principles and recommend any changes to Full Council for approval.

In the event of substantial changes being suggested as a result of the six-week consultation to the Statement of Gambling Principles, a report to be brought back to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

8 Date of next meeting

Resolved:

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Licensing Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 7 October 2021 in the Ditchling and Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Lewes, BN7 1AB, commencing at 10:30am.

The meeting ended at 11:20am.

Councillor Christine Robinson (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)