

Monday, 20 March 2017
at 6.00 pm



General Licensing Committee

Present:-

Members: Councillor Dow (Chairman), Councillor Rodohan (Deputy-Chairman)
Councillors Belsey, Choudhury, Freebody, Holt, Murray, Robinson
and Swansborough

17 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

The Committee was advised that since they delegated power at the last meeting to the Senior Specialist Advisor, in consultation with the Chair of Licensing Committee to resolve the individual case of taxi signage, two more cases had approached the Council to request the ability to use a larger sign.

RESOLVED: (Unanimous) That power be delegated to the Senior Specialist Advisor in consultation with the Chair of Licensing Committee to resolve any similar cases.

18 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Coles, Murdoch and Smart.

19 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

None were declared.

20 Resourcing of the Licensing Function.

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Customer First regarding resourcing of the licensing function.

At the previous meeting of the Committee it was resolved that officers investigate the possibility of funding an administrative post in support of the licensing function, using part of the surplus fees and charges fund.

The forecast for income and expenditure over the next three year period and cost of employing an additional caseworker was detailed in the report.

The Committee was advised that from April 2017, work would commence on designing the joint service delivery teams with Lewes District Council. This would provide an opportunity to review staffing levels that support the licensing function across Eastbourne and Lewes. Recruitment to these teams was due for completion by December 2017.

RESOLVED: (Unanimous) That the Committee approve that no additional recruitment be made at this time and await the design of the joint service delivery teams, due for completion by December 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.13 pm

Councillor Dow (Chairman)