

# Bristol City Council Minutes of the Licensing Committee

15 June 2018 at 11.00 am



**Councillors:** Peter Abraham, Barry Clark, Chris Davies, Mike Langley, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Chris Windows and Lucy Whittle

**Officers in Attendance:-** Jonathan Martin – Trading Standards & Licensing Manager, Ashley Clark – Legal Advisor, Allison Taylor – Democratic Services.

## 1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

These were made.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies received from Councillors Combley, Eddy, Khan and Massey.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 4. Annual Business Report.

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report as follows:-

## 5. Membership of Committee

**Resolved – that the membership of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be noted as follows:-**

Councillor Abraham



Councillor Clark;  
Councillor Clough;  
Councillor Combley;  
Councillor C Davies;  
Councillor Eddy;  
Councillor Hance;  
Councillor Jama;  
Councillor Khan;  
Councillor Langley;  
Councillor Massey;  
Councillor O'Rourke;  
Councillor Pearce;  
Councillor Windows  
Councillor Whittle.

## **6. Election of Chair - Municipal Year 18/19**

Councillor Pearce was nominated and seconded for the Chair of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year. There were no further nominations.

**Resolved - that Councillor Pearce be elected Chair of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.**

## **7. Election of Vice Chair - Municipal Year 2018/19**

Councillor Clough was nominated and seconded for the Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal year. There were no further nominations.

**Resolved – that Councillor Clough be elected Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.**

## **8. Terms of Reference**

These were noted.

**Resolved - that the Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be noted.**

## **9. Dates and Times of Meetings.**



These were noted.

**Resolved - that the dates and times of meetings be noted.**

## **10 Establishment of Special Purposes Sub-Committee**

The Committee noted that this Sub-Committee was able to deal with matters that would normally be considered at a Full Committee but which needed to be dealt with urgently. The Sub-Committee comprised the Chair, Vice Chair and a third member.

**Resolved -**

**(1) that a Special Purposes Sub- Committee be established with the terms of reference as set out in Appendix A to the report.**

**(2) that Councillor Abraham be the third member to sit on the Sub-Committee.**

## **11 Establishment of other Sub-Committees.**

**Resolved -**

**(1) that the Licensing Committee establish Licensing (Hearings) Sub-Committees comprising any three members of the Licensing Committee and that each member of the Licensing Committee be appointed to serve on any such Sub-Committee which is convened so as to include him or her in its membership; and**

**(2) that each of the Sub-Committees so established shall have the terms of reference as set out in Appendix A of the report.**

## **12 Delegations to Sub-Committees and Officers**

The Trading Standards and Licensing Manager reported that the delegations included North Somerset Officers with respect to the Balloon Fiesta as both authorities shared enforcement responsibilities.

**Resolved -**

**(1) that all Sub-Committees established by the Licensing Committee shall have delegated authority to discharge all functions falling within their terms of reference**



**(2) that the Committee approves delegations to officers as recommended in paragraph 4H of this report (including North Somerset Officers) and;**

**(3) that for the avoidance of doubt any authority conferred upon a Sub-Committee or an officer in connection with the discharge of any function includes the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of the function concerned.**

### **13 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **6. Minutes of:-**

- i) 15 June 2017;**
- ii) 25 January 2018;**
- iii) 28 February 2018;**
- iv) 1 March 2018**

These were all agreed as a correct record.

**Resolved – that the minutes be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

### **14 Public Forum**

There was none.

### **15 Announcements from the Chair**

There was none.

### **16 Licensing Policy Statement**

The Trading Standards and Licensing Manager made the following comments:-

1. The SEV Working Group was ongoing. A public consultation exercise attracted 1000 responses and responses were polarised;
2. The City Council was at the forefront of drug safety testing at a community interest company's pop up lab prior to the Love Saves the Day Event. This was in association with Avon & Somerset Constabulary as part of the Safer Bristol Partnership. The Committee viewed recent BBC coverage of the initiative. It was noted that 1 in 8 drugs sales were miss-sold by the dealer on the basis of their purity and strength. The emphasis on the initiative remained counselling and prevention and licensing conditions concerning drugs



would be enforced as ever. The Police supported the programme as their current policy was not proving effective. It was hoped to roll the programme out on a monthly basis with the City Council contributing to it. Councillor Abraham welcomed the initiative and commended it to the Committee who were unanimously supportive.

**Resolved – that the Statement of Licensing Policy be noted.**

Meeting ended at 11.55 am

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

