MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Alex Scroggie

Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Martin Smith

Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Sue Pickering

Officers in C Allcock, J Brough, B Hopewell, A Hutchinson, K Nealon,

Attendance: S Palmer and R Towlson

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pickering.

TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 06 AUGUST 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

25 PROPOSED GENERAL LICENSING FEES FOR 2024/25

The Director of Place introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, detailing a revised set of fees and charges for the licensing service and sought approval for their introduction from 3rd September 2024.

RESOLVED to:

- Approve the revised general licensing fees and charges attached at Appendix 1 for massage and special treatment, ear piercing, acupuncture, tattooing, electrolysis, animal licensing and mobile homes; and
- 2) Approve the price revisions to be introduced from 3 September 2024.

26 PAVEMENT LICENCES - THE LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION ACT 2023 MAKING PERMANENT THE PROVISIONS SET OUT IN THE BUSINESS AND PLANNING ACT 2020

Councillor Roxanne Ellis joined the meeting.

The Director of Place introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for the policy and fee structure for pavement licensing.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the pavement licensing policy attached at Appendix 1; and
- 2) Approve the pavement licensing fee structure contained in the report.

27 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

28 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

RESOLVED:

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

29 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AK

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Place, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AK.

AK attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED:

To refuse AK's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

AK was advised of the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 5.35 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: