

## LICENSING COMMITTEE - 27 November 2020

### MINUTES

Present: Councillors: J Butler (Chairman), P Hogarth MBE (Vice-Chairman), K Allsopp, C Buxton-Sait, T Diccico, R Grinsell, B Groom, J Hamilton, F Nash, K Thomas and P Thomas

Officers: David Acton – Democratic Services  
Anne Bettison – Licensing  
Andrew Callingham – Head of Safer Communities  
Santokh Gill - Legal

#### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

No questions or deputations received.

#### 4. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Members were reminded that the Council is required to review and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy at least every five years and the last publication was January 2016.

Due to the impact the Covid-19 pandemic had on licensing authorities and the hospitality industry, consultation was undertaken on the basis the current policy be rolled forward with any relevant representations incorporated as deemed appropriate.

#### RESOLVED

Members approved the updated document and **recommended** its ratification and adoption by Full Council on 8 December 2020.

#### 5. PAVEMENT LICENCES

Members were reminded that under the Business and Planning Act, that came into effect on 22 July 2020, a temporary pavement licence was introduced to support businesses to operate safe social distancing measures following the Covid-19 pandemic. All licences could be secured until 30 September 2021, when they would expire along with the emergency provisions under the Act. Seven applications had been received, two of which were not pursued, and five licences issued.

#### RESOLVED

Members noted the contents of the report.