## CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

# Statutory Licensing Committee

Minutes - 10 November 2021

## **Attendance**

## **Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee**

Cllr Phil Page (Chair)

Cllr Rashpal Kaur (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Keith Inston

Cllr Anwen Muston

Cllr Zee Russell

Cllr Jaspreet Jaspal

Cllr Lynne Moran

Cllr Wendy Dalton

Cllr Andrew Randle (Virtual)

Cllr Ellis Turrell

## **Employees**

Sarah Hardwick Senior Solicitor

Chris Howell Commercial Regulation Manager

Greg Bickerdike Licensing Manager

Emma Caddick Service Manager - Environmental Health

Paul Dosanjh Service Manager - Trading Standards & Licensing Act

Amitabh Singh Section Leader

Glen Moseley Service Lead (Compliance)
Shelley Humphries Democratic Services Officer
Donna Cope Democratic Services Officer

## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

## 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Rita Potter and Councillor Mak Singh.

#### 2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Committee held on 9 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

#### 4 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5 Minutes - 16 June 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 16 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 6 Minutes - 22 June 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 22 June 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 7 Minutes - 1 July 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 8 Minutes - 1 July 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 9 Minutes - 6 July 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 10 Minutes - 12 July 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 12 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 11 Minutes - 15 September 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 15 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 12 Minutes - 24 September 2021 - Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Statutory Licensing Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## 13 Cumulative Impact Policy Review

Paul Dosanjh, Service Manager: Trading Standards & Licensing Act, presented the report seeking Committee approval to postpone the Culminative Impact Policy Review until 2023.

The Service Manager explained that a postponement of the review until 2023 would allow for sufficient time, after the pandemic, to collect meaningful evidence to enable an effective review of the policy.

He responded to questions asked and it was noted that visits to the Late Night Economy and Culminative Impact Areas would be arranged for Members when the situation of Covid-19 permitted it safe.

#### Resolved:

That Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee:

1. Authorised the postponement of the review of the current Cumulative Impact Policy until 2023 to allow for sufficient time, after the pandemic, to collect meaningful evidence to enable an effective review of the policy.

## 14 Gambling Policy Review

Paul Dosanjh, Service Manager: Trading Standards & Licensing Act, presented the report seeking Committee's approval for the proposed changes to the existing Statement of Gambling Policy and to agree a process of consultation and consequent review of the Statement of Gambling Policy.

#### Resolved:

That Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee:

- 1. Approved the proposed draft Statement of Gambling Policy (2022-2025).
- 2. Required Licensing Services to undertake a 12-week consultation of the draft Statement of Gambling Policy proposal.
- Noted that a further paper, setting out the consultation responses and subsequent amendments, would be laid before Statutory Licensing Committee in January 2022 for consideration, prior to adoption by full Council in April 2022.

## 15 Update on Pavement Licensing

Paul Dosanjh, Service Manager: Trading Standards & Licensing Act, presented the report seeking formal endorsement of the decision, made by the Chair of Statutory Licensing Committee in consultation with Commercial Regulation Manager, to

continue with a straightforward mechanism of both renewing existing licences and processing new applications.

Members of the Committee welcomed the report and the Services Manager responded to questions asked.

#### Resolved:

That Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee:

1. Formally endorsed the scheme for the extension of pavement licences agreed by the Chair of Statutory Licensing Committee.

## 16 Late Night Safe Haven

Paul Dosanjh, Service Manager: Trading Standards & Licensing Act, presented the report updating Committee on the changes that had been made to improve the current Late Night Safe Haven service.

The Service Manager outlined the proposed changes and responded to questions asked.

Members of the Committee welcomed the report and suggested that the scheme be publicised more.

#### Resolved:

That Members of the Statutory Licensing Committee:

- 1. Endorsed the plans set out to improve the current safe haven provision providing additional safety measures for the evening and night time economy in the run up to the Christmas period.
- 2. Noted the partnership working, professionally and financially of the BID, West Midlands Police and Licensing Services to deliver the revamped Late Night Safe Haven.