

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

**Present: Councillor Backhouse (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Cobbold, Heasman, Hill, Noakes, Nuttall,
Pope, Thomson and Williams**

Officers in Attendance: Sharon Degiorgio (Senior Licensing Officer), Robin Harris (Senior Lawyer (Contentious)), Gary Stevenson (Head of Housing, Health and Environment) and Cheryl Clark (Democratic Services Officer)

Other Members in Attendance: None

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

LC1/18 The Chairman opened the meeting, introduced Committee members and officers in attendance, and outlined procedural matters of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

LC2/18 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Woodward, Bulman, Huggett and Podbury.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

LC3/18 There were no declarations of interest made.

NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK (IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 18):

LC4/18 There were no visiting members who had registered to speak.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

LC5/18 **RESOLVED:-**
That the minutes of the previous meeting dated Tuesday 5 December 2017 be noted as a correct record.

GAMBLING ACT 2005: LICENCE FEES 2018/2019

LC6/18 Mrs Degiorgio, Senior Licensing Officer, introduced and summarised the report which considered a review of the fees set for the administration of the Gambling Act 2005. It was noted that period of the fee increase as shown on Appendix A should be restated to show the commencement date of 5 June 2018 only.

The level of fee increases and cost recovery rates was discussed. It was noted that TWBC staff pay was determined on an individual performance basis and otherwise varied across the component areas of the Partnership. This was only one element of operational costs and was not therefore comparable with the inflationary rate increase for Gambling Licence fees.

Members had the option to leave the rates unchanged, however Councillor Mrs Cobbold proposed a motion, seconded by Councillor Nuttall, in line with the officer recommendation.

RESOLVED:-

That the Licensing Committee approves fee levels as set out in Appendix A of the report for implementation on 5 June 2018.

SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT - LICENCE FEES 2018/2019

LC7/18 Mrs Degiorgio, Senior Licensing Officer, introduced and summarised the report, which considered a review of the fees set for the administration of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 in respect of the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Establishments.

It was noted that there were currently no such premises in the Borough and the reduction in proposed rates took account of this fact as indicated in the agenda report.

Members had the option to leave the rates unchanged but that would not have reflected actual costs. Councillor Nuttall therefore proposed a motion, seconded by Councillor Heasman, in line with the officer recommendation.

RESOLVED:-

That the Licensing Committee approves fee levels as set out in paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8 of the report for implementation on 5 June 2018.

URGENT BUSINESS:

LC8/18 There were no items of urgent business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

LC9/18 **RESOLVED:-**

That the next meeting take place on Tuesday 4 September 2018, at 6pm.

NOTES:

1. An audio recording of the full proceedings of this meeting is available on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council website.
2. The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm.