

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 16 June 2020

**Present: Councillor Bob Backhouse (Chairman)
Councillors Woodward (Vice-Chairman), Atkins, Atwood, Mrs Cobbold, Funnell, Hill,
Lidstone, Noakes, Podbury, Pope, Thomson and Williams**

Officers in Attendance: Gary Stevenson (Head of Housing, Health and Environment), Robin Harris (Team Leader (Contentious)), Sharon Bamborough (Head of Licensing Partnership), Sharon Degiorgio (Senior Licensing Officer) and Emer Moran (Democratic Services Officer)

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

LC40/19 The Chairman opened the meeting, introduced Committee Members and Officers in attendance, and outlined procedural matters of the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

LC41/19 Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis and Fairweather.

Councillors Mrs Cobbold and Thomson joined the meeting after the role call was taken.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

LC42/19 There were no declarations of interest made.

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

LC43/19 There were no visiting Members who had registered to speak.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

LC44/19 **RESOLVED** – That that the minutes of the previous meeting dated 10 March 2020 be approved as a correct record.

LICENSING PARTNERSHIP TUNBRIDGE WELLS ANNUAL UPDATE 2020

LC45/19 Ms Sharon Bamborough, Head of Licensing Partnership presented her report outlining the annual performance of the licensing partnership and the challenges and achievements of the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

There were no registered speakers.

Members of the Committee took account of the report and raised a number of questions and issues within their discussions. These included:

- The target figures regarding the taxi and premises compliance and how they were achieved.

- The possibility of arranging additional Licensing training sessions for Members and it was advised that a new training package would be available in the new year.
- Notwithstanding the affect that the COVID-19 crisis has had on the Street Trading developments, Members were minded that this should be moved forward in order to be in a good position to proceed when the pandemic has ended.
- Thanks were given from Members to the Licensing team for good work carried out during trying circumstances.

RESOLVED – that the Licensing Partnership Tunbridge Wells Annual Update 2020 outlining the annual performance of the licensing partnership, be noted.

URGENT BUSINESS:

LC46/19 There were no matters of urgent business to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

LC47/19 The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at 10.30am.

NOTE: The meeting concluded at 11.32 am.