

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**LICENSING AND
PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMITTEE
8 SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT
1030 HOURS AT BMI, MAIN HALL, MARGARET
STREET, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Phil Davis in the Chair;

Councillors Alex Aitken, Adam Higgs, Diane Donaldson,
Nagina Kauser, Mike Leddy, Mary Locke, Simon Morrall and
Mike Sharpe.

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NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

- 1392 The Chair advised that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports are available for public inspection via the web-stream.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1393 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at the meeting. If a pecuniary interest was declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

There were no declarations made.

APOLOGIES

- 1394 Apologies were received from Councillors Nicky Brennan and Martin Straker-Welds for non-attendance.

CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1395 The Chair announced that it was his sad duty to note the death of Councillor Neil Eustace a serving Member on the Committee. Councillor Neil Eustace had been a former Chair of the Committee in 2004 to 2012 and a Member from 1999 to 2012 and served as a Member on the Committee for another nine years. There will be a tribute made at the City Council meeting however it was appropriate that the Licensing and Public Protection Committee should mark his passing and remember his work and service to the Committee. A one minute silence followed.
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MINUTES

- 1396 The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June, 2021 having been previously circulated were confirmed as a correct record:-

(See Document no. 1)

LPPC 2020-21 OUTTURN REPORT

The following Report of Interim Assistant Director of Regulation & Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 2)

The Chairman requested that speakers should introduce themselves when speaking.

David Jones made introductory comments relating to the report giving a summary of the report and financial position outlining the main service areas.

In response to questions from Members the Chairman agreed with Councillor Mike Leddy’s comment that with regard to the recommendation at 2.1 he felt that the LPPC Committee was more than entitled to just note the report and should endorse the report as budget holders. In response to a question from the Chair about Covid related pressures the Committee was informed that for most service areas costs for Covid related pressures were not rising and costs in some areas were tailing off. Councillors agreed that the City was not out of the woods with regard to Covid however the budget was being well managed and would be kept under review.

Mark Croxford recommended and it was agreed that a vote of thanks should be placed on record to the Director of Public Health for his work during the Covid Pandemic. Members also placed on record their thanks to all BCC staff for the positive work during the pandemic in tackling the issues.

- 1397 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.

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- i. endorse the revenue outturn non-Covid related underspend of £0.270m shown in Appendix 1;
 - ii. endorse the expenditure on ring-fenced licensing services in Appendix 2;
 - iii. endorse the expenditure on grant funded programmes in Appendix 3; and
 - iv. endorse the position on reserves, as detailed in Appendix 4.
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LPPC 2021-22 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The following Report of Interim Assistant Director of Regulation & Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 3)

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RESOLVED:-

That the Licensing and Public Protection Committee

- i. note the latest Revenue budget position at the end of June 2021 (Quarter 1) including Forecast Outturn £0.469m and COVID-19 response implications as detailed in Appendix 1.
 - ii. note the analysis of ring-fenced Licensing expenditure and income set out in Appendix 2
 - iii. note the analysis of ring-fenced grant funded services as set out in Appendix 3 ; and
 - iv. note the position on reserves and balances, as detailed in Appendix 4; and
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ANNUAL REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/IMLT/RIT

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 4)

Mark Croxford made introductory comments relating to the report giving a summary of the report and financial position. He informed the Committee that with regard to the work during the year it had been an amazing year in terms of the work carried out thanks to Managers and officers without whom the work could not have been done.

Councillor Higgs added his thanks to officers. He requested a detailed report on the current position with work related to unauthorised encampments mentioning in particular the mess left behind. He felt that more could be done. The Chairman agreed with Councillor Higgs that a report should be

submitted to the next meeting to keep Members informed adding that the situation had changed with regard to sites. Councillor Locke thanked officers and the whole team for the work carried out in her Ward. In reply to Councillor Leddy the Committee was informed that Covid Marshalls were still in place funded until March 2022. At present they were supporting Covid testing sites and high profile events etc. Details were included in the report.

Housing and Planning were working together on transit sites and an application for funding had been made. Housing had been asked to take on some management of the sites. The Chairman added that sites needed to be available all year round.

Tony Quigley thanked staff from the illegal money lending team and gave a summary of this section of the report. In reply to Councillor Simon Morrall's reference to the influences on the Web individuals were advised they could not use the Web in this manner. Some work was being done to protect individuals on the internet. Paul Lankester reported that this work could not happen without the Heads of Service and staff and thanked those involved for all that had been achieved. The Chairman said that a visit would be made to officers in the future when conditions allowed.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

IMPACT OF STREET TRADING POLICY 2021

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 5)

Sajeela Nasser gave a summary of the report highlighting the main points. In response to a question from Councillor Morrall figures on how many of the new applicants were now traders could be provided, however she suggested that most applications had been approved and any refusals were related to highway issues. Paul Lankester undertook to supply figures for applications received and those approved. Paul Lankester stated that in future the information would be included in the activity report.

1400

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

ANNUAL SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 6)

Paul Lankester gave an overview of the report.

Councillor Aitken declared a non pecuniary interest as a season ticket holder of St Andrews Stadium. He understood that 2 stands had been closed following an inspection and queried when the issue would be resolved. The item would be discussed in the private section of the meeting.

1401

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2021/QUARTER 1

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 7)

Paul Lankester made introductory remarks in relation to the report. The Chairman was pleased to note that food hygiene inspections would start in October 2021.

1402

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

PROSECUTIONS & CAUTIONS – MAY/JUNE 2021

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 8)

Paul Lankester made introductory remarks relating to the report.

1403

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

CHAIRS AUTHORITY REPORT – JULY 2021

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document no. 9)

1404

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Mike Sharpe raised the issue of begging at traffic lights with beggars causing a hazard to themselves and others mentioning in particular a person on Tyburn Road with a young child. The Chairman undertook to take up the issue with the Cabinet Member. Paul Lankester asked Members to let him know any concerns relating to safeguarding with dates and times etc. Bristol Road/Belgrade junction was also mentioned.

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RESOLVED:-

That a report on begging at traffic lights be submitted to the Committee.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED:-

That in an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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RESOLVED:-

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3