

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**LICENSING AND
PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMITTEE
19 JANUARY, 2022**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING
AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY, 2022 AT 1030
HOURS AT BMI, MAIN HALL, MARGARET
STREET, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Phil Davis in the Chair;

Councillors Alex Aitken, Bob Beauchamp, Nicky Brennan,
Adam Higgs, Diane Donaldson, Nagina Kauser, Mike Leddy,
Mary Locke, Simon Morrall, Mike Ward and Martin Straker
Weld

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NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

- 1428 The Chair to advise/meeting to note 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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1429 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.

APOLOGIES

- 1430 An apology was received from Councillor Mike Sharpe for non-attendance.

MINUTES

- 1431 Councillor Mike Ward asked that it be ensured that he was included on the CMIS invitation for the meetings.

The Chair advised that he was trying to arrange for the Cabinet Member to attend a meeting for the issue of street begging however the meantime he had submitted a view on street begging at junctions to the consultation on PSPO's.

1432 **RESOLVED:-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November, 2021, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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

PETITIONS

Councillor Mike Leddy submitted a petition to the Chief Constable West Midlands, Lord Mayor and relevant Directorate regarding traffic speeds on Broad Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

1433 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and noted and referred to the relevant parties.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DELEGATIONS UPDATE REPORT

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

(See document no. 1)

Shawn Woodcock, Licensing Operations Manager gave a brief summary of the report during which he sought the Committee's view on the recommendations.

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Diane Donaldson, seconded by Councillor Mary Locke and

1434 **RESOLVED:-**

- i) That the Committee confirms the delegation as standard, subject to annual reporting with all other delegations; and
 - ii) That the Committee agree the cessation of the measures detailed in Paragraph 6 to the report regarding renewal of hackney carriage and private hire licences.
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STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES POST-CONSULTATION REPORT

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

(See document no. 2)

Shawn Woodcock, Licensing Operations Manager made introductory comments relating to the report giving a summary of the information set out in the report. It was noted that there were 2 responses from the consultation included with the report. In response to questions from Members there was no current restraint on advertising of gambling. All premises had a social responsibility to look after, protect and signpost vulnerable people and those at risk. When premises were checked by officers they ensured that they were taking some care by putting signs up etc. There was a Bet Watch Scheme similar to the Pub Watch Scheme. Enforcement action could be taken against premises including a review of their premises licence.

1435 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Committee endorses the Post Consultation Draft Statement of Gambling Principles and recommends the draft document at Appendix 2 to full City Council.

REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

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

(See document no. 3)

Following a brief introductory of the report it was:-

1436 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

PROSECUTIONS AND CAUTIONS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

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

(See document no. 4)

Paul Lankester made introductory comments relating to the report. It was noted that the backlog to court cases owing to the Covid Pandemic was 18 months.

1437 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

CHAIRS AUTHORITY REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

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

(See document no. 5)

1438 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

1439 The date of the next formal meeting to be held on 9 March, 2022 at 1030 hours was noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1440 There was no other urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

1441 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The meeting ended at 1125 hours.

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CHAIRMAN