

## **TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, 17th November, 2020**

**Present:** Cllr D Keers (Chairman), Cllr C Brown (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr A E Clark,  
Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr D W King,  
Cllr Mrs R F Lettington, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr N G Stapleton,  
Cllr M Taylor and Cllr F G Tombolis

Councillors N J Heslop, M A J Hood, J R S Lark and Mrs A S Oakley were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M C Base and R V Roud

#### **PART 1 - PUBLIC**

##### **LA 20/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

##### **LA 20/12 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 15 September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

##### **LA 20/13 MINUTES OF PANEL**

**RESOLVED:** That it be noted that there had been no meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel.

#### **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION (RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTION)**

##### **LA 20/14 CHANGES TO TMBC HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY IN LIGHT OF NEW STATUTORY TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE STANDARDS**

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive highlighted a number of proposed changes to the Council's current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy in light of new statutory guidance received from the Secretary of State for Transport. The report made particular reference to the protection of children and vulnerable individuals from harm and the proposed changes were

highlighted within the current policy attached at Annex 1 to the report. The timeline and details of the consultation to be undertaken between 23 November 2020 and 31 January 2021 and subsequent consideration by Members were set out at 1.3 of the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be approved for consultation purposes.

#### **LA 20/15 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22 - LICENSING FEES**

Following a review of the existing fee structure the report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive set out details of the proposed licensing fees and charges for 2021/22 in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire, Pleasure Boats and Boatmen, Scrap Metal Dealers, Animal Welfare, Street Trading Consents in Tonbridge, Sex Establishments and the licensing of premises and practitioners providing Acupuncture, Tattooing, Ear Piercing, Semi-permanent make-up and Electrolysis.

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed scale of fees for licences, consents and registrations, as set out at Annex 1 to the report, be adopted with effect from 1 April 2021.

#### **LA 20/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

**RESOLVED:** That, as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

#### **PART 2 - PRIVATE**

#### **LA 20/17 LICENSING UNDER COVID-19**

##### **LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 7 – Prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences**

The Head of Licensing provided an overview of Premises and Taxi licensing activity and performance during the coronavirus pandemic. Details of current licensing numbers, feedback from the 'trade' and enforcement visits were presented.

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm