

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, 28th March, 2023

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chair), Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Vice-Chair),
Cllr Mrs J A Anderson, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D Keers,
Cllr Mrs A S Oakley and Cllr H S Rogers.

(Note: As Councillor Mrs P A Bates and M Taylor were unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, they were unable to vote on any matters).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P A Bates, D W King, R V Roud, M Taylor, D Thornewell and C J Williams.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 23/1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LA 23/2 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 29 November 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 23/3 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 21 November 2022 be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

LA 23/4 ANIMAL LICENSING POLICY

Following a period of public consultation, an updated Animal Licensing policy was presented for consideration. The updated policy reflected the changes made by The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 and no responses to the consultation had been received.


The policy set out how the Council would exercise its functions under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, the Zoo Licensing Act 1981, the

Animal Welfare Act 2006, and the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018. It was noted that in having a policy, the Council could apply for the RSPCA Gold Footprint award.

Members attention was brought to paragraph 1.6 of the draft policy whereby the following amendments had subsequently been made in order to provide clarity:

- The wording 'not exclusively' to replace 'for example'; and
- The word 'renewed' to be inserted following 'existing licence holders whose licences are being'.

During discussion, Members welcomed the non-mandatory policy and noted the powers available to the Council under the Animal Welfare Act 2016.

RECOMMENDED*: That the draft Animal Licensing Policy, attached as Annex 1, be approved, subject to the subsequent amendments. 

*** Referred to Council**

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

LA 23/5 AIR QUALITY UPDATE

The Head of Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Services provided a verbal update on air quality matters, during which it was noted that a report on Kent County Council's Air Quality consultation would be provided at the next meeting. The consultation had involved all boroughs across the County and was undertaken in conjunction with the Energy Saving Trust.

In the interim, it was reported that 636 consultation responses had been received, of which 92 were from within Tonbridge and Malling. Following consideration of the outcome of the consultation, Members direction would be sought on the Borough Council's policy on air quality emissions.

LA 23/6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 7.47 pm