

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14th September, 2021

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

(Note: As Councillors M Taylor and F Tombolis were unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams they were unable to vote on any matters)

Councillors M D Boughton and D Keers participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited to do so by the Chairman in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs F A Kemp, M C Base and R V Roud

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 21/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LA 21/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 9 March and 30 March 2021 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

LA 21/12 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 18 June, 13 July, 28 July and 6 August 2021 be received and noted.

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

LA 21/13 AIR QUALITY CONSULTATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided details of the consultation process by Licensing Services, focused on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle

licences, with a view to ensuring a carbon neutral licensed taxi fleet by 2030.

RESOLVED: That the consultation for emission levels for taxi and private hire vehicles over the next ten years be approved, subject to prior approval of the overall TMBC climate change strategy by Council.

LA 21/14 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 21/15 LICENSING OVERVIEW WITHIN COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Reasons: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 7 – Prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences)

The Head of Licensing outlined action taken in respect of a recent licensed event.

The meeting ended at 8.57 pm