

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, 27th September, 2022

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chair), Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Vice-Chair), Cllr A E Clark, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr Mrs A S Oakley, Cllr H S Rogers and Cllr R V Roud

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

Councillors D Harman and M A Hood participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited to do so by the Chair in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D W King.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LA 22/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 14 June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 22/25 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 27 June 2022, 6 July 2022 and 27 July 2022 be received and noted.

DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

LA 22/26 STREET TRADING - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided the results of the consultation on the proposed changes to the Council's Street Trading Policy and redesignations of the Borough. The consultation ran from 20 June 2022 to 29 August 2022

and of the 50 responses received, 42% were in favour of the redesignation and the draft policy and 58% were against.

During discussion and in response to concern raised by Members, reassurance was given that the redesignation applied to businesses trading on a highway and did not apply to non-commercial events that were community based and run for non-commercial purposes such as fetes or school fund raising activities where any of the profit of the trading was not for commercial gain, and explained that a list of exemptions, although not exhaustive, was contained in the Street Trading policy.

RESOLVED: that the redesignation and the introduction of the new Street Trading policy, with the previous agreed timelines as set out at Annex 3, be continued.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

LA 22/27 VERBAL UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY PLAN FOR TAXI FLEET

The Head of Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Services advised that an update report on the Air Quality Plan for Taxi Fleet would be presented at the next meeting. A request to consider the requirement of having a card reader machine in taxi vehicles was raised. The Head of Licensing, Community Safety and Customer Services advised that there was an opportunity for this point to be considered as part of the Hackney Carriage and Private Taxi Policy consultation which was due to commence shortly.

LA 22/28 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm