

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, 29th November, 2022

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chair), Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr A E Clark, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D W King, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr R V Roud and Cllr F G Tombolis

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Keers.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 22/29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

LA 22/30 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 27 September 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 22/31 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 21 September 2022 and 19 October 2022 be received and noted.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

LA 22/32 UPDATE FOLLOWING STREET TRADING CONSULTATION

The report of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive provided an update following the Street Trading Consultation which ran from 13 October 2022 until 9 November 2022. The Licensing Department received no comments during the 28 consultation period.

The second draft of the proposed Street Trading Policy was attached at Annex 1, the draft proposed application form at Annex 2 and the Assistants and Employee application form at Annex 3.

During discussion, Members requested that there be clarity regarding the sale of used vehicles on the public highway and officers noted a number of corrections.

RECOMMENDED: that the second draft policy for the introduction of Street Trading consents be approved subject to clarity regarding the sale of used vehicles on the public highway.

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

LA 22/33 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2023/24 - 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 2022/23 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 the 1 April 2023.

LA 22/34 ANIMAL LICENSING POLICY CONSULTATION

The Report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer introduced the draft Animal Licensing Policy, which reflected the changes made by The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

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.

RESOLVED: That the draft Animal Licensing Policy be approved for consultation.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

LA 22/35 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm