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Licensing and Environmental Committee

Agenda

10.30am
Monday, 2nd August 2021
Council Chamber
Wyre Forest House
Finpoint Way
Kidderminster



Licensing and Environmental Committee

Members of Committee:

Chairman: Councillor P Dyke
Vice-Chairman: Councillor A Coleman

Councillor J F Byng

Councillor B S Dawes

Councillor I Hardiman

Councillor F M Oborski MBE

Councillor L Whitehouse

Councillor R H Coleman

Councillor C Edginton-White

Councillor K Henderson

Councillor M Rayner

Councillor P W M Young

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For further information:

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Part 1

Open to the press and public

Agenda item	Subject	Page Number
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Appointment of Substitute Members To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, together with the name of the Councillor for whom he/she is acting.	
3.	Declarations of Interests by Members In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and / or Other Disclosable Interests (ODI's) in the following agenda items and indicate the action that they will be taking when the item is considered. Please see the Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Section 14 of the Council's Constitution for full details.	
4.	Minutes To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th June 2021.	5
5.	To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Solicitor to the Council before the commencement of the meeting, which the Chairman by reason of special circumstances considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting.	
6.	Exclusion of the Press and Public To consider passing the following resolution: "That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in the paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act".	

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

7.	Review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence To receive a report from the Corporate Director: Economic Prosperity and Place which asks the Committee to consider a review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.	-
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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

HELD REMOTELY

7TH JUNE 2021 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: P Dyke (Chairman), A Coleman (Vice-Chairman), J F Byng, R H Coleman, B S Dawes, C Edginton-White, I Hardiman, K Henderson, F M Oborski MBE, M Rayner, L Whitehouse and P W M Young.

Observers:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

LIC.02 Appointment of Substitutes

No substitutes were appointed.

LIC.03 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.04 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.05 Review of The Gambling Act 2005 Revised Statement of Principles Approval to Commence Consultation

The Committee received a report from the Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council asking them to approve the revised draft Gambling Statement of Principles 2022–25 for purpose of consultation with relevant parties, as part of the statutory triennial review in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing led Members through the report explaining that there were very few changes, but the consultation exercise needed to be completed to give opportunity for comment on the document. The new Statement of Principles must be prepared and published ready to take effect on 31st January 2022. Members took the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the report.

DECISION: The Committee approved the revised draft Gambling Statement of Principles at Appendix 1 of the report, for the purpose of consultation with relevant parties.

LIC.06 Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Approval to Commence Consultation

The Committee received a report from the Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council, informing Members of a recent review of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policies in response to the publication and recommendations of the Department for Transport guidance and sought approval to undertake a consultation with relevant stakeholders on the Council's draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing led Members through the report informing them of the background to the publication of the guidance. Worcestershire Regulatory Services had considered the guidance in detail to ensure the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy reflected the standards laid out. He was pleased to say that Wyre Forest District Council had already implemented much of what was suggested, but that this was an opportunity to make the policy more robust.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing said that this would be a countywide document which was hoped would offer more consistency across the county and reassured the Committee there would be an opportunity to inform Members of any changes arising from the consultation once the 12 week consultation period had concluded.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing answered Members questions around issues arising from the information in the report and a detailed discussion took place around limousine services in Wyre Forest and CCTV in vehicles.

DECISION: The Committee noted the content of the report and authorised officers to undertake consultation with relevant stakeholders on the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy shown at Appendix 2 of the report.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11:28am.