

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE BIRKDALE ROOM - SOUTHPORT TOWN
HALL, LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT, PR8 1DA
ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillors Waterfield, Bradshaw, Burns, Corcoran,
Hardman, Sonya Kelly, Lloyd-Johnson, Morris,
O'Brien, Thomas, Anne Thompson and
Lynne Thompson

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D'Albuquerque.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

**46. MOLYNEUX ROAD AREA, WATERLOO - CONSULTATION ON
PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported on the results of a consultation regarding the implementation of a One-way traffic system in the Molyneux Road area of Waterloo.

The Committee also considered correspondence sent to Councillor Kelly by a local resident raising issues about the scheme in respect of their disabled parking bay – expressing concern that the one-way system might present difficulties for the disabled person accessing their vehicle.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the consultation be noted;
- (2) the one-way system for the Molyneux Road area be progressed as proposed;
- (3) the Cabinet Member for Locality Services be requested to authorise

the progression of the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders for Milton Road, Molyneux Road, Galloway Road and Winstanley Road, Waterloo;

- (4) residents be informed of the results of the consultation and the decision of this Committee; and
- (5) the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be requested to give consideration to the implementation of mitigating measures to enable easier access by residents with disabled parking spaces.

47. SOUTHPORT TOWN DEAL, MARKET STREET, KING STREET, EASTBANK STREET AND CHAPEL STREET IMPROVEMENTS, SOUTHPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought Member's approval for the implementation of the proposed improvements on Market Street, King Street, Eastbank and Chapel Street and advised Members of proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) associated with the improvements.

Arising from discussion, Members raised concerns about the risk to pedestrians from cyclists using Chapel Street. It was considered that there should be clearer separation of the cycle route along Chapel Street to provide protection for pedestrians.

RESOLVED: That

The Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be authorised to implement the following modifications to the highway:

- (1) installation of new, high-quality paving, new lighting, seating, planting, and improvements to street furniture on Market Street;
- (2) widening of the footway and installation of high-quality paving, lighting, planting, and improvements to street furniture on King Street;
- (3) installation of improved pedestrian crossing facilities, widening of a section of the footway and installation of high-quality paving, planting, and improvements to street furniture on Eastbank Street;
- (4) removal of 'street clutter' and improvements to street furniture on Chapel Street; and
- (5) the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) be requested to give consideration to clearer distinction of the cycling

provision on Chapel Street.

48. THORNTON ROAD, SOUTHPORT - PROPOSED REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE STAND

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which reported on the results of a consultation with Hackney and Private Hire Trade Members over the proposal to revoke the existing Hackney Carriage Stand on Thornton Road, Southport.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the consultation be noted;
- (2) the proposal to revoke the existing two cab Stand on Thornton Road and replace it with a Disabled Parking Place for two blue badged vehicles be agreed; and
- (3) the Cabinet Member for Locality Services be requested to authorise advertising of the proposal.

49. REVIEW OF TOPOGRAPHICAL KNOWLEDGE TEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which requested the removal of the requirement for new Hackney Carriage drivers to undertake the topographical street knowledge type test and bring them in line with private hire drivers.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the requirement for new hackney carriage drivers to undertake the additional street knowledge test be removed; and
- (2) all new driver applications still be required to pass the test on conditions.

50. REVIEW OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DRIVERS

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) regarding removal of the requirement for all new licensed drivers to have completed the VRQ (Introduction to the Role of Professional Taxi and Private Hire Driver) and replace it with a new redesigned training course.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the requirement for new drivers to complete the VRQ training programme be removed; and
- (2) the creation of a new redesigned training course requirement be created; and
- (3) once established, the new training course be made a mandatory requirement for all drivers.

51. DETERMINATIONS MADE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND THE GAMBLING ACT 2005: PERIOD COVERING 14 MAY 2022 TO 12 AUGUST 2022

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) updating on applications made under the Licensing Act, 2003 and the Gambling Act, 2005 which had been determined by Licensing Officers.

The report indicated that Sefton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (issued under the Licensing Act 2003) and the Statement of Gambling Policy (issued under the Gambling Act 2005), both followed the recommended delegation of functions contained within the Guidance, issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issued under Section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005. Where there were no relevant representations to applications, then these matters would be dealt with by Officers in order to speed matters through the system. The Guidance also recommended that where powers had been delegated, the Committee would receive regular reports on decisions made by Officers in order to maintain an overview of the general licensing situation.

The report indicated that during the period 14 May 2022 to 12 August 2022 the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) had received and determined the following numbers of applications:

Under the Licensing Act 2003:

- 78 Applications made under Premise Licences
- 22 Applications made under Personal Licences
- 53 Notifications of Temporary Event Notices
- 34 Notifications of Late Temporary Event Notices

Under the Gambling Act 2005:

- 1 Application made under Family Entertainment Permits
- 1 Application made under Licensed Premises Gaming Permits
- 1 Notification given for Licensed Premises Automatic Gaming

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RESOLVED:

That the report and the fact that further update reports would be submitted as necessary, be noted.