LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AT THE BIRKDALE ROOM - SOUTHPORT TOWN HALL, LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT, PR8 1DA ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

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

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carragher, Hardman and Waterfield.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

12. MOLYNEUX ROAD AREA, WATERLOO - RESULTS OF RESIDENTS CONSULTATION TO ALTERNATE ONE WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM AND OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 61 of 13 March 2023 the Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which detailed the results of a residents' consultation and the receipt of objections relating to the proposed alternate one-way traffic scheme for the Molyneux Road area, Waterloo.

Objections following a previous consultation with residents of the Molyneux Road area of Waterloo were considered by Committee on 13 March 2023.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the residents' consultation be noted;
- (2) the objections to the scheme be noted;

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- (3) the alternate one-way Traffic Regulation Order be progressed as originally advertised; and
- (4) the objectors be advised accordingly.

13. AMENDMENT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which asked Members to consider a request from the Hackney carriage trade representatives for an increase in existing tariffs. The last tariff increase was introduced on 8 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That

- the request from the Hackney Carriage Trade for an increase to the initial hiring charges to tariffs 1, 2 and 3 to £2.90, £3.60, and £4.10 respectively be approved;
- (2) the distance on meter distance 'drops' to 210 yards initial hire, every 180 yards up to 1830 yards and every 200 yards thereafter; and
- (3) the request to change the applicable time for charging tariff 2 on Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 p.m. – 06:00 a.m. to 09:00 p.m. – 06.00 a.m. be approved.

14. DETERMINATIONS MADE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND THE GAMBLING ACT 2005: PERIOD COVERING 4 MAY 2023 TO 23 AUGUST 2023

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 LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

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 4 May 2023 to 23 August 2023 the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) had received and determined the following numbers of applications:

Under the Licensing Act 2003:

- 85 Applications made under Premise Licences
- 54 Applications made under Personal Licences
- 104 Notifications of Temporary Event Notices
- 56 Notifications of Late Temporary Event Notices

Under the Gambling Act 2005:

• 2 Applications made under Licensed Premises Gaming Permits

RESOLVED:

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