

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE BIRKDALE ROOM - SOUTHPORT TOWN
HALL, LORD STREET, SOUTHPORT, PR8 1DA
ON 11 MARCH 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillor Waterfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bradshaw, Corcoran, Hardman,
Harrison, Sonya Kelly, Morris, O'Brien, Thomas and
Lynne Thompson

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carragher, Lloyd-Johnson, Spencer, and Anne Thompson.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November be confirmed as a correct record.

**34. PETITIONS - REVISED LICENSED DRIVER CONVICTIONS
POLICY**

The Committee considered two petitions which had been received by the Council from Joseph Johnson, H&PH Trade Representative and Frank West, H&PH Trade Representative.

The petitions stated that the Hackney and Private Hire Trade disagreed on two points within the Policy, both clearly noted at "Consultation 5.1" of the principal officer report. The petitioner requested on behalf of the Hackney and Private Hire trade that Members amend the driver convictions policy in relation to the disqualification period for the use of a handheld device and revised the wording to cover testing of blood samples taken by Police following a roadside stop that resulted in no further action.

The Committee asked if there had been any objections in neighbouring authorities to the Revised Licensed Driver Convictions Policy and discussed the national standard of the policy.

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Joseph Johnson and Frank West were in attendance to present the petitions.

RESOLVED:

That the petitions be noted.

35. REVISED LICENSED DRIVER CONVICTIONS POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which requested Members approval to the suggested changes to the driver convictions policy in line with national statutory standards.

The Committee discussed the convictions policy with regard to violent offences and the use of a mobile phone while in control of a vehicle.

It was moved by Councillor Waterfield, seconded by Councillor Kelly that:

The proposed changes to the Council's current convictions policy be agreed.

Following a show of hands, the Chair declared the motion was carried by 10 votes to 1 and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the proposed changes to the Council's current convictions policy be agreed.

**36. LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE - LOCAL
LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which sought the approval of Members for the fees and charges for Local Licensing Services in 2024/2025.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed fees and charges for 2024/2025 as listed in the Annex be endorsed and approved.

**37. CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION
ORDER -DOG CONTROL**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection) which provided information concerning dog control and an overview of the public consultation on the proposed

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extension of the existing Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control 2021 for a further three years.

The Committee emphasised the need for relevant education and discussed the consultation process, the use of pitches, enforcement resources and CCTV. The Committee requested a report detailing a breakdown of the locations that fixed penalty notices for Dog Control have been issued.

RESOLVED:

That the Council be recommended to give approval for the extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order Dog Control 2021 for a further three years.