

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON 23 MARCH 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillors Dodd, Halsall, McGinnity and Tweed

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw, Carragher, Friel, Keith, Morris, Michael O'Brien, Brenda O'Brien, Anne Thompson and Lynne Thompson.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

36. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

37. APPROVED PREMISES FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer that sought approval to extend the room area of the Marine Suite at the Bliss Hotel, Southport to include the area of the dome window and to change the name of the Marine Suite to ROOM.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given for the Marine Suite name to be changed to ROOM and the area extended to include the dome window area, to the current licence for the Bliss Hotel, Southport; and
- (2) it be noted that the current licence will expire on 30 April 2023, at which time it will need to be renewed.

38. PROPOSED CHANGES TO SOUTHPORT TOWN CENTRE HACKNEY RANKS

Further to Minute No. 14 of the meeting held on 17 June 2019, the Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection which updated Members on the request from the North Sefton Hackney Carriage Association (NSHCA) for changes to a number of Hackney Ranks within Southport Town Centre, namely, the 'Troc Rank' – Lord Street, Southport (the rank on the service road fronting the former Woolworths store); the Rank outside June's the Florist (on the service road adjacent to Eastbank Street Square), opposite June's the Florist; and the Main Rank – Lord Street (the feeder rank on the north-west side of Lord Street to the north east of Hulme Street).

Mr Dave Marrin, Manager – Highways Management, presented the report and answered questions thereon. He reminded Members that consideration of the ranks had been deferred on 17 June 2019, to enable a more informed decision by Members in the light of the results of the Unmet Demand Survey of Taxi Ranks, which subsequently took place in January 2020.

The report provided details of the survey results for each of the ranks and Officers opinions based on these results were indicated in paragraphs 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 of the report.

The report also indicated that in line with the Council's policy for changes to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire facilities consultation had been carried out with all Hackney Carriage Associations; all Private Hire Associations; Merseyside Police; Merseytravel and the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade Licensing Office; but that no comments had been received from these bodies in response to this consultation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the results of the consultation regarding changes to various Hackney Ranks in Southport Town Centre be noted;
- (2) the Cabinet Member – Locality Services be requested to consider authorising progression of the changes to the Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the 'Troc' rank; and
- (3) the Head of Highways and Public Protection be requested to carry out further consultation with trade representatives regarding the suggested revocation of the rank outside June's the Florist.

**39. DETERMINATIONS MADE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003
AND THE GAMBLING ACT 2005: PERIOD COVERING 7
DECEMBER 2019 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2020**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of 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 are 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 7 December 2019 to 28 February 2020 the Head of Highways and Public Protection had received and determined the following numbers of applications:

Under the Licensing Act 2003:

- 69 Applications made under Premise Licences
- 18 Applications made under Personal Licences
- 32 Notifications of Temporary Event Notices
- 22 Notifications of Late Temporary Event Notices

Under the Gambling Act 2005:

- 1 application made under Gambling Premise Licences
- 4 notifications for Licensed Premises Automatic Gaming

Details of the determinations were indicated in annexes 1 and 2 of the report.

RESOLVED:

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