

MINUTES of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chair)

Councillors J G Simmons, A Barker, M Burke, D Cooper, D Everitt, M French, K Horn, P Lees, J Legrys, G Rogers, J Windram and A Wilson

Officers: Mr L Mansfield, Mr A Cooper and Mrs R Wallace

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ball and R Johnson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023.

It was moved by Councillor Simmons, seconded by Councillor French and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 be approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

4. REVIEW OF LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Environmental Health Team Manager presented the report to Members and highlighted the proposed changes to the policy following the consultation period, as detailed within the appendix.

In response to a question of clarity, the Environmental Health Team Manager provided further information regarding a Late Night Levy which could be used as a tool to deal with excessive public nuisance and, crime and disorder. A proportion of the levy is retained by the Licensing Authority with the majority being given to the police. The income from the levy must be used to mitigate the harms being caused, for example additional policing or street cleaning. It was noted that they were rarely used by Licensing Authorities with only a few in existence across the country. Any request to consider the introduction of a levy would require consultation and support from the police. Officers did not feel it was appropriate or proportionate to be introducing a late night levy in the district.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor Simmons and

RECOMMENDED THAT:

Council approves the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy at its meeting on 14 November 2023.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.42 pm

Chairman's signature