

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Licensing Committee held on Friday, 10 March 2017 at 9:45am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillors Julie Bird (Chair)
Hannah Hockaday (Vice-Chair)
Dave Ashmore
Jennie Brent
Paul Godier
Steve Hastings
Suzy Horton
Lee Mason
Stephen Morgan
Steve Pitt
David Tompkins

6. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Scott Harris, Ken Ellcome and Gerald Vernon-Jackson. Apologies were also received from standing deputy Ryan Brent who was unable to attend.

7. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations.

8. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 February 2017 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Policy Committee meeting held on 22 February 2017 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

9. Annual Review of Licensing Fees (AI 4)

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and explained that it has always been the aim of the committee to work towards full cost recovery. The trade representatives had been consulted with and in general, were in agreement with the proposals.

A deputation was heard from Chris Dixon, representing the Hackney Carriage Trade who included the following points in his representations:

- Grateful for the consultation on the proposed fees.
- On the whole supportive of fees proposed.
- Local conditions have massively changed.
- It is really hard for the trade.
- Would like to have more trade consultative group meetings as very useful.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Licensing Committee noted the report and determined the level of fee to be adopted.
- b) That the approved fees be implemented with effect from 1 April 2017 unless otherwise stated within the report; and

- c) That the Director of Culture and City Development be given authority to advertise, (where appropriate) such fees and charges that are subject to any formal public statutory consultation.**

The meeting concluded at 10:20 am.

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Signed by the chair, Councillor Julie Bird.