



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 meeting held on Monday, 29 July 2019 at 3.30 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park. Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Licensing Act 2003 Members in attendance:-

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor S Powderhill	Councillor T Williams
Councillor W Lewis	Councillor S Morgans
Councillor A Cox	Councillor P Howe

Officers in attendance:-

Ms L Davies, Service Director – Public Protection Services
Mr P Nicholls, Service Director, Legal Services
Ms R Hope, Health Protection and Licensing Service Manager
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager

8 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors E. Webster and M. Diamond.

9 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

10 Human Rights Act 1997 and Crime and Disorder Act

It was **RESOLVED** to note that when Members determine the licensing and registration matters before them, they have a duty not to act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights and the Crime and Disorder Act.

11 Review of the Licensing Policy Statement 2020 - 2025

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, the Assistant Licensing Manager presented to Members the proposed revisions to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy for the period 2020-2025.

Details of the key changes to the Licensing Policy were reported to the Committee and the officer drew Members attention to the Draft Policy Statement for 2020-2025, which was reproduced as Appendix 1. It was explained that a public consultation process was ongoing with three engagement events

organised to take place in each of the boroughs, Rhondda, Cynon and Taf. The officer spoke of a Licencing Policy meeting, which was held on 1st May, to assess the views of the relevant partner agencies and to ensure their views were incorporated into draft revisions.

Members referred to the significance of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Council's Corporate Plan. It was felt that electronic links would be beneficial within the Statement to strengthen the content and to prevent the duplication of information.

Discussions ensued around the Late Night Levy and Early Morning Restrictions Orders, introduced through the 'Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011'. Members agreed that although it is not currently of the view of the Authority that a Late Night Levy is required in RCT, it would be important to clarify within the Licensing Policy Statement, that the option is available, should it ever become justifiable.

The Service Director, Public Protection advised that the comments and amendments made by the Licensing Committee would be included, in conjunction with those comments made during the consultation exercise, and reported back to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee sitting in its role under the Licensing Act 2003. The Service Director advised that any necessary changes to the Licensing Policy would then be submitted to the Executive and subject to endorsement, for formal adoption by Council in November 2019.

Prior to concluding the presentation, Members were given the opportunity to answer the consultation questions regarding the revisions to the Statement and were collectively of the view that the Licensing Policy Statement for 2020 – 2025 promotes the four Licensing Objectives.

Members took the opportunity to extend their gratitude to officers for developing the Licensing Policy Statement into a more user-friendly, accessible document.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Note the consultation undertaken with licensing practitioners and the development of the Draft Licensing Policy Statement for the period 2020-25;
- b) Note the ongoing consultation on the proposals, targeted at licensees, trade organisations and members of the public;
- c) Contribute to the consultation exercise by commenting on the Draft Licensing Policy Statement; and
- d) Note the proposal of the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services, to report the outcome of the consultation to the next scheduled meeting of this Committee, together with any necessary changes to the Draft Licensing Policy Statement, prior to submission to the Executive.

This meeting closed at 4.45 pm

**CLLR A FOX
CHAIR.**