

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 March 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Shan Alexander (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham, Liz Crix, Dean Fitzpatrick, Helen Foster-Grime, Will Sharp, Kerry Waters and Pete West.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 7 February 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

It was reported that 8 urgent decisions had been taken under the Constitution since the last meeting of the Committee.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAXI LICENSING MATTERS

RESOLVED – It was agreed, in consultation with the Chair, that this item be withdrawn.

6. LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES

The Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which detailed amendments to licensing fees and charges for the forthcoming financial year 2024/2025.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members asked for clarification on how the fees had been calculated, and whether this would stand up to robust challenge.
- Members noted and welcomed the recruitment of an animal welfare officer.
- Further information was requested on what constituted a family entertainment centre and what constituted a small casino.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm