

Licensing Committee  
26 February 2024

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held on Monday 26 February 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE

PRESENT: Councillors J.Weston (Chairman)  
H.Goldwater (Vice-Chairman)

P.Smith, J.Cragg, D.Jones, S.McNamara and L.Musk

OFFICIALS K Payne, Licensing Team Leader  
PRESENT: Trainer, Democratic Services Assistant

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6. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

Cllr Lucy Musk substituted for Cllr Cathy Watson

7. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cathy Watson

8. MINUTES

Chair noted a date error in the previous minutes, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 should read 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Members confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

9. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 8

There were no items of urgent business.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest.

11. STREET TRADING POLICY

The Street Trading Policy was last approved in 2018 and is due for review. The current Policy has been reviewed and there are only minor amendments (as listed in paragraph 3.8). As there are no significant changes, and in accordance with section 7.2 of the Policy, a public consultation on the changes is not required.

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Members raised the following questions and points:

Member queried how the stores in the town centre are managed around risk of nuisance and safety. Officer confirmed the setup of stores, outside of the street trading policy, go through the Estates team to be approved.

RESOLVED:

**(Unanimous)**

The panel recommended that members consider the attached revised policy in Appendix 1 (including Appendices A-G) and recommend to full council that it is approved for the next five years.

12. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - REVIEW

The statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 has been produced in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and with regard to the Home Office guidance (issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act), which was last updated in December 2023. The purpose of the Statement of Licensing Policy is to set out the policies of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council for carrying out its functions and responsibilities as the licensing authority under the Licensing Act 2003. The Statement of Licensing Policy was last approved by full Council on 7 January 2020. The Policy is due for review and approval by full council before the end of the 5-year period.

Members raised the following questions and points:

Member noted the legislation being brought in to support the established licensed premises is a very positive and welcome change.

RESOLVED:

**(Unanimous)**

The Licensing Committee Panel approved the public consultation to take place.

13. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

There were no other items of business.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Chair noted the exclusion of press & public to begin.

15. REVOCAION OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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The committee received the report from Executive Director of Residents Service and Climate Change, Sue McDaid, on Revocation of private hire diver license under delegated authority.

Following discussion, the committee noted the paper.