

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of the Richmondshire District Council held at Mercury House, Richmond, North Yorkshire on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 at 6.30 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Jimmy Wilson-Petch (Chairman)  
Councillors Danny Gill, Bill Glover, Lawrence Grose, William Heslop and Lorraine Hodgson.

**Officers:** Callum McKeon (Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory)), Kevin Carr (Environmental Health Team Leader), Kevin Chin (Licensing Enforcement Officer) and Paul Clark (Democratic Services Officer).

**In**

**Attendance:** 2 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors Susan Fairhurst, Patricia Middlemiss and Ian Scott.

**L8/18 Minutes**

- (a) That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 26 June 2018 be approved and signed as an accurate record; and
- (b) That the Minutes of the following Licensing Hearing Sub-Committees be noted:
  - (i) 21 August 2018
  - (ii) 12 October 2018

**L9/18 Public Speaking/Question Time**

There were no public questions or statements submitted for consideration at the meeting.

**L10/18 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**L12/18 ♦ Renewal of Statement of Policy – Gambling Act 2005**

Further to Minute L7/18 (26 June 2018), the Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory) presented a written report seeking approval of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) following consultation.

**Resolved:** That the final draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) be approved.

**L13/18 Hackney Carriages – Application for an Increase in Tariff**

The Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory) presented a written report seeking determination of an application made by the Richmondshire Taxi Drivers Association for an increase in Hackney Carriage tariffs.

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**Resolved:** That the application made by ‘the Association’ to increase Hackney Carriage tariffs to £2.50 to £2.60 for Tariff 1 and from £3.50 to £3.65 for Tariff 2 be granted, subject to a 14 day consultation.

### **L14/18 Variation of Licensing Fees and Charges 2019/2020**

Further to Minute CB27/18 (9 October 2018), the Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory) presented a written report seeking approval of the Council’s Licensing fees and charges for 2019/20 in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

**Resolved:** That:

- (a) the schedule of fees and charges be approved in respect of the Council’s Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing functions, subject to satisfactory publication in a local newspaper and consultation in accordance with Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; and
- (b) a report be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee on proposals to introduce a pre-application advice fee for Licensing Act 2003 functions.

### **L15/18 Housing and Planning Act 2016 – Civil Penalties**

The Corporate Director (Strategy and Regulatory) presented a written report seeking adoption of new Civil Penalty notice powers and authorisation for Officers to make all necessary changes to policy.

**Resolved:** That:

- (a) the Policy Statement and charging matrix at Appendix 1 of the report be approved in relation to civil penalties as an alternative to prosecution for certain offences under the Housing Act 2004 (as amended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016); and
- (b) the use of Rent Repayment Orders as detailed within the report be approved; and
- (c) the Corporate Director be authorised to make all necessary changes to the Environmental Health Enforcement Policy and to the Scheme of Delegation to authorise Officers to implement the new powers.

### **L16/18 Houses of Multiple Occupation**

The Environmental Health Team Leader presented a written report updating the committee on new regulations in respect of Houses of Multiple Occupation and seeking authorisation to update relevant policies to reflect those regulations.

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**Resolved:** That officers be authorised to undertake a review of relevant policies relating to private sector housing and houses of multiple occupation, to reflect updated legislative requirements.

The Meeting concluded at approximately 6.55 pm.