

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Licensing Committee** held in the Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY on Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs R Crowe (Chairman)
Councillor I Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mrs B Brooks, Councillor P Harris, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor S Saddington, Councillor T Thompson, Councillor T Wildgust and Councillor Mrs Y Woodhead

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor L Brazier (Committee Member), Councillor M Cope (Committee Member), Councillor Mrs S Michael (Committee Member), Councillor K Walker (Committee Member) and Councillor R White (Committee Member)

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NOTED that no Member or Officer declared any interest pursuant to any statutory requirement in any matter discussed or voted upon at the meeting.

13 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chairman advised that the proceedings were being recorded by the Council and that the meeting was being livestreamed and broadcast from the Civic Suite, Castle House.

14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2022

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held 23 June 2022 were a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15 LICENSING COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN (OCTOBER 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 2023)

AGREED (unanimously) that the Licensing Committee's Forward Plan from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023 be noted.

NOTED that the Committee were invited to attend Night-Time Economy Visits within Newark town. Dates to be emailed to all Members.

Councillor T. Wildgust left the meeting at 7pm.

16 PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBWATCH SCHEME

The Committee considered the report presented by the Business Manager – Public Protection which sought to update Members on the Pubwatch Schemes currently operating in the Newark & Sherwood district and to also seek approval for the local initiatives being developed.

The report set out the background to the scheme, noting its aim was to promote best practice in the trade by achieving a safer drinking environment in all licensed premises throughout the UK.

It was reported that there were currently 4 active schemes in the Newark & Sherwood district, based in: Newark; Ollerton; Southwell; and Rainworth & Blidworth, meeting monthly to discuss issues that affects them and sharing information such as problematic customers, licensing issues, previous incidents and how they were handled, together with future events and the potential impact on their premises.

The proposals reported, for Members' consideration, to promote the schemes to a wider range of licensed premises and to encourage a wider membership were detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.

AGREED (unanimously) that support be given to the initiatives below to promote and enhance the local Pubwatch Schemes:

- a) encourage sign-up to the newsletter;
- b) use of the evaluation tool to identify potential improvements;
- c) promotion of the free Citizen Card; and
- d) working with Newark Pubwatch on Safer Streets.

17 REVIEW OF POOL OF POTENTIAL CONDITIONS

The Committee considered the report presented by the Business Manager – Public Protection which sought Members' approval of the amended pool of potential conditions that were available for use when considering appropriate conditions to attach to a licence.

The report provided background information as to how conditions could be attached to a licence, together with details of the three types of conditions available: mandatory; proffered; and imposed, noting that any imposition of conditions must be appropriate and proportional and promote the four licensing objectives.

In considering the report and noting that the Nottinghamshire Authorities Licensing Group had been delayed in developing the pool of conditions, a Member requested that an additional condition be inserted as follows: that a yellow outline on a plan denotes any vertical standing/drinking areas within a premise. The Member also stated that he wished to be able to consider any comments made by Environmental Health Officers.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- a) when the amended pool of potential conditions was received they be forwarded to all Members for consideration; and
- b) a report be presented to the Committee at their meeting scheduled for 1 December 2022 for consideration.

18 TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICES - 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2022

The Committee considered the report presented by the Senior Licensing Officer in relation to the Temporary Event Notices received between 1 April and 30 June 2022. The appendix to the report listed all the TENs received.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

19 UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The Committee considered the report presented by the Senior Licensing Officer in relation to the activity and performance of the Licensing Team between 1 April and 30 June 2022.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Chairman