

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in **Council Chamber B, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT** on **Tuesday 13 December 2016**.

(10.00 - 10.20 am)

Present:

Members: Councillor Martin Wale (Chairman)

Clare Aparicio Paul	Wes Read
Neil Bloomfield	David Recardo
Val Keitch	Alan Smith
David Norris	Linda Vijeh
Crispin Raikes	

Officers

Jo Morris	Democratic Services Officer
Nigel Marston	Licensing Manager

Note: All decisions were approved without dissent unless shown otherwise.

58. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 11th October 2016 (Agenda Item 1)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2016, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read, and having been approved were signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

59. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jason Baker and Tony Lock.

60. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

61. Public Participation at Committees (Agenda Item 4)

No questions or comments were raised by members of the public.

62. Draft Street Trading Policy (Agenda Item 5)

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and explained that the Street Trading Policy had been in place since 2010 and despite some difficulties and severe representations prior to the policy being adopted it had worked well and been successful.

He informed members that the current policy had been reviewed and the draft policy had been the subject of a Scrutiny Task & Finish Group. The new draft Street Trading Policy was currently out for consultation and he was proposing to bring the results of the consultation to the February Licensing Committee meeting.

He highlighted the major changes to the policy as outlined on page 5 of the agenda.

In response to questions, members noted the following:

- The consultation period was for 8 weeks and ended on 4th February;
- Mobile traders were inspected at the same time as their premises and undergo the same inspection regime;
- Ice cream sellers were already heavily regulated;
- It was acknowledged that there were some safeguarding issues associated with ice cream sellers and it was felt that they should be of certain standard and subject to criminal checks;
- Most street traders also had a food hygiene rating;
- It was not a legal requirement at the present time for premises to display their food hygiene rating but would be in the future;
- Food hygiene rating labels were a standard size set by the government.

At the conclusion of the discussion, members were content to approve the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: 1. That the contents of the report be noted;
2. That the results of the consultation will be considered by Licensing Committee at the meeting on 14th February 2017.

63. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 6)

Members noted that the next meeting of the Licensing Committee would be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 10.00am at Brympton Way, Yeovil.

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 Chairman

 Date