

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held in the Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY, on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at 2.00 pm

**Present:**

Cllr Simon Carswell (Chair)

Cllr Mike Murphy (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Peter Clayton

Cllr Lance Duddridge

Cllr Tony Lock

Cllr Brian Smedley

Cllr Hugh Davies

Cllr Marcus Kravis

Cllr Connor Payne

**Other Members present remotely:**

Cllr Tony Robbins

**1 Apologies for Absence - Agenda Item 1**

Apologies were received from Councillors Simon Coles, Tony Robbins and Diogo Rodrigues.

**2 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 2**

Councillors present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor of a Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

<b>UNITARY COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>TOWN AND/OR PARISH COUNCIL</b>
Jason Baker	Chard Town Council
Simon Carswell	Street Parish Council
Peter Clayton	Burnham Highbridge Town Council
Jenny Kenton	Chard Town Council
Marcus Kravis	Minehead Town Council
Tony Lock	Yeovil Town Council
Tony Robbins	Wells City Council
Brian Smedley	Bridgwater Town Council

### **3 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 3**

No questions or statements had been received for Public Question Time.

### **4 Statement of Licensing Policy Consultation - Agenda Item 4**

The Senior Licensing and Business Support Officer, Jack Godley, presented his report on the draft Licensing Policy and explained the consultation process to be followed.

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Councillors queried at what point during the consultation period, could Committee Members submit their comments.  
*The Senior Licensing and Business Support Officer advised that anybody could comment at any stage of the consultation.*
- Councillors requested clarification on the process.  
*The Senior Licensing and Business Support Officer advised that he hoped that the consultation would go live on Wednesday 17 May and would be open for comment for six weeks. Once the consultation has closed, the responses would be collated and presented to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and if no changes were required, the Policy would be taken to Full Council for approval. He advised that the consultation period had been amended from eight weeks to six to allow for the Policy to be taken to Full Council in July 2023. He further explained that as part of the transitional arrangements for the New Council, both the Licensing and Gambling Policies needed to be in place within the first year of operation.*

**Resolved** that the Licensing and Regulatory Committee agreed to permit the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy be available for consultation as required by the Licensing Act 2003.

**(The meeting ended at 2.10 pm)**

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**CHAIR**