

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Zoom Virtual Meeting on Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 10.00 am

Members

Councillor Ron Munby MBE (Chair)
Councillor Mary Bainbridge
Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Daniel Horsley
Councillor Elaine Lynch
Councillor Alan Tyson

Councillor Allan Daniels
Councillor Malcolm Grainger
Councillor Peter Kendall
Councillor Alan Smith
Councillor Will Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Adrian Kirkbride Councillor Carmel Bell, Councillor Stephen Stoddart and Councillor Lynda Williams

Staff Present

G Collinson, L Jardine and J Morgan

299. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were signed as a correct record;

Licensing Committee held on 20 November 2020

Licensing Regulatory Panels held on 24 February 2020 and 26 June 2020.

300. Declaration of Interests

None declared

301. Questions

None received

302. Review of Fees and Charges

The Senior Licensing and Compliance Officer submitted a report to note and support the proposals for amended fees, charges and delegations and the introduction of new licensing provisions, which are being presented to Executive and Council for their consideration and approval.

The proposals will enable the Council to recover its reasonable costs in processing and determining applications and ensuring compliance with the appropriate legislation.

The Senior Licensing and Compliance Officer then outlined in detail the Reports to Council 03 March 2021 (Proposed Review of Licensing Fees and Charges) and Executive 24 February 2021 (Scrap Metal Dealers Act) including the recommendations.

An overview of the following appendices was also provided;

- Proposed Fees – Part A Statutory Fees, which are fees set by statute for which the Council has no power to amend
- Proposed Fees – Part B Fees, these have a maximum fee cap set by statute that permits Councils to set a reasonable fee to recover its costs up to that cap.
- Proposed Fees – Part C, these permit councils to set their own local fees that will enable it to recover its reasonable costs.
- 'Licensing Fee Payments and Refunds'

Members then asked questions in relation to EU legislation, hypnotism, feedback from taxi drivers/operators, scrap metal, buskers and exemptions.

Further questions and discussion ensued in relation to taxi licences and fees, including the three-year licences.

Some members also expressed concerns that members of the public may not be able to take scrap metal to the scrap dealer, officers will review and provide clarity to members.

Councillor Kendall moved the motion to note and support the contents of the reports.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Lynch

A vote was taken on the motion, 9 voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

The motion was carried.

Resolution

Members noted and supported the contents of the reports.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am