

Licensing Committee

Tuesday 7 June 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Dr Mahony, in the Chair.

Councillor Churchill, Vice Chair.

Councillors Carson, Cook, Sam Davey, Fry, Loveridge, Morris, Rennie, Singh, Storer and Winter.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Drean and Parker-Delaz-Ajete.

Also in attendance: Laura Juett (Public Health Specialist), David McIndoe (Police Representative), Andy Netherton Licensing Service Manager (Ann Gillbanks (Senior Lawyer), David Vickery (Police Representative) and Helen Wright (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10am and finished at 11.05 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

1. To Note the Chair and Vice Chair

The committee noted the appointment of Councillor Dr Mahony as Chair and Councillor Churchill as Vice Chair for the forthcoming municipal year 2016/17.

Councillor Fry took this opportunity to congratulate both the Chair and Vice Chair on their appointments.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings are agreed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of 'Popworld, 18 Union Street, Plymouth PL1 2SR' reference minute 35 of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 17 May 2016 –

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- 19 January 2016

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- 19 January 2016
- 12 April 2016

• 17 May 2016

4. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

5. **Licensing Activity Report**

The Director of Public Health submitted the licensing activity report which provided an overview of the various aspects of the work undertaken by agencies involved in regulating the licencing regimes within the Licensing committee; the report also highlighted future work plans and potential changes in legislation or guidance which would have an impact on the committee.

Laura Juett, Public Health Specialist provided an alcohol overview which highlighted the following main points –

- local strategic approach;
- local consumption;
- alcohol related violence – assaults not reported to the police;
- alcohol related hospital admission;
- children affected by parental drinking;
- alcohol related anti-social behaviour;
- alcohol harm mapping;
- Indicators;
- licensing using the intelligence.

The main areas of questioning from Members related to the following –

- (a) whether information relating to Plymouth Against Retail Crime and the street pastor initiative had been included in the alcohol mapping data;
- (b) the current situation relating to the Licensing Act fees which had not changed since being introduced in 2005;
- (c) the introduction of the Community Events and Ancillary Sellers (part of the Deregulation Bill 2014), the health objective (amendment to the Licensing Act 2003) and the right to work checks (part of the Immigration Bill);
- (d) whether the challenge 25 policy could be introduced for all licensed premises;
- (e) whether the work being undertaken on the right to work checks would also tackle the issue of modern slavery;
- (f) whether the gambling policy included lottery outlets;

- (g) whether there had been a signification impact with the introduction of the Scrap Metal Dealers' Act 2013;
- (h) the future funding for the Plymouth PubWatch;
- (i) whether the number of alcohol related violent assaults were seasonal, ie freshers' week.

The committee noted the report.

6. **Information Regarding Delegated Decisions for Applications for the Grant/Variation of Premises**

The Senior Licensing Officer (Fred Prout) presented a report outlining the delegated decisions of applications for the grant/variation of premises licences under Sections 17 and 34 of the Licensing Act, 2003 which covered the period from 31 May 2016 until 20 April 2016.

The committee noted the report.