

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

4 JULY 2019

PRESENT:

Councillors B Yeates (Chairman), Anketell, Binney, Eagland, D Ennis, L Ennis, Evans, Leytham, Salter, Spruce and Warfield

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Parton-Hughes.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 February 2019 as printed and circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee's work programme for the forthcoming year was considered and noted.

Clarification was given as to what was included in Skin Treatments.

RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted.

5 CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS LICENSING POLICY

The Committee received a report on the outcome of the consultation for the Draft Charitable Collections Policy and seeking approval to submit it to Full Council for adoption.

During discussions it was raised that a number of Charity shops had been collecting with tins outside the shop and it was reported that a licence could be required for this operation, and it was agreed the Council would monitor the situation.

There was concern regarding the welfare of animals used to promote Charitable collections. The Committee was informed that this had been addressed in Paragraph 3.11 of the Policy and the use of animals would only be permitted with the consent of the Licensing Authority and with the necessary Public Liability Insurance in place.

It was questioned if the Policy accounted for the number of stalls outside dwellings selling goods to raise money for Charity. Paragraph 3.1 of the Policy covered these stalls under the regulations of the Police, Factories, etc, (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 as amended by Section 251, schedule 29 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was suggested that Police assistance could be used to monitor they have the correct permissions. Assistance from the Police would be requested by Lichfield District Council, where necessary.

RESOLVED: (1) That the new Charitable Collections Policy be approved for submission to Full Council for adoption; and

(2) That the Chairman for Regulatory & Licensing Committee together with the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing & Wellbeing be delegated to make any minor amendments to the Policy.

6 REVIEW OF STREET TRADING POLICY

The Committee received a report giving feedback on the implementation of the Street Trading policy since its adoption in September 2018 along with some recommended interim changes. The report also identified that a more substantive review may be required, pending the outcome of the Events Management Review and the Economic Impact research commissioned from Bournemouth University.

The Committee was informed that Bournemouth University had been commissioned to produce a report on the economic impact of the street festivals within Lichfield.

Discussions around the policy included the merits of a wider choice of festivals and not just food related.

It was asked whether it was felt that the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) was effectual in their role in giving advice to organisers and it was reported that the Council chaired the group and the evidence was that their guidance is robust and based on good practice.

A suggestion was put forward for the Policy to include more emphasis on stall holders to be more environmentally responsible in providing recyclable products in the form of paper bags, containers and cups. It was agreed that this could be part of the special event application bidding process.

When asked, it was confirmed that face painting and street entertainment was not covered by Street Trading legislation.

RESOLVED: (1) That the proposed interim changes be approved for consultation and if no adverse comments received, the Chairman of Regulatory & Licensing Committee in consultation with the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing & Wellbeing be authorised to introduce them from the 1st September 2019; and

(2) That a further review of the Street Trading Policy be noted as a potential requirement pending the outcome of the Events Management Review and the Economic Impact research commissioned from Bournemouth University.

(The Meeting closed at 7.02 pm)

CHAIRMAN