

REGULATORY AND LICENSING SPECIAL COMMITTEE

30 JULY 2020

PRESENT:

Councillors

B Yeates (Chairman), Anketell, Eagland, D Ennis, L Ennis, Evans, Leytham, Parton - Hughes Salter, Spruce and Warfield

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Binney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Evans declared being a blue badge holder

BUSINESS & PLANNING ACT 2020

The Committee received a report on the provisions on the Business and Planning Act 2020 which came into force on 22nd July 2020. The Act allows temporary changes to alcohol laws to meet social distance guidance including tables and chairs on the highway. The Act allows for businesses to apply for a pavement licence. There is a 7 day consultation period which allows opportunity for residents and statutory consultees and after 7 days LDC will grant or refuse permission. If after 7 days LDC have not determined the application is deemed as granted. It is noted that there is no right of appeal if application if the application is refused.

The Business and Planning Act 2020 ("the Act) came into force on 22 July 2020. The purpose of the pavement licence provisions in the Act make it easier for premises in England which serve food and drink such as bars, restaurants and pubs to seat and serve customers outdoors through temporary changes to planning procedures and alcohol licensing.

Throughout the discussions the Members enquired how many applications would be received and the Committee were told that early indication was relatively low as many premises in the City Centre already have permission through Planning Regulations. However they may apply to extend or change the seating area outside, so there are no numbers at this stage on the amount of applications to be submitted.

The Committee were asked to authorise the delegation of all the functions, powers and duties of the Council set out in the Business and Planning Act 2020 in respect of pavement licences to the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing.

After the discussion a vote was undertaken and the Committee were all in agreement that:

RESOLVED: Authorisation given for the delegation of all the functions, powers and duties of the Council set out in the Business and Planning Act 2020 in respect of pavement licences to the Head of Regulatory Services, Housing and Wellbeing.

The Committee were asked to waive the recommended application fee of £100. The aim of waiving the fee is to support local business to increase customers during this difficult time.

RESOLVED: That the application fee of £100 be waived in order to support local businesses at this difficult time.

The Committee were asked to authorise a condition that the granted pavement licence area would be a non- smoking area. The Committee agreed to a condition being imposed.

RESOLVED: The approved area to be non- smoking.

(The meeting closed at 6:28 p.m.)