

LICENSING COMMITTEE

- * Councillor David Elms (Chairman)
- * Councillor Mike Parsons (Vice-Chairman)

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| Councillor Graham Ellwood | * Councillor Marsha Moseley |
| * Councillor David Goodwin | * Councillor Dennis Paul |
| * Councillor Christian Holliday | * Councillor Tony Phillips |
| Councillor Mike Hurdle | * Councillor David Quelch |
| * Councillor Jennifer Jordan | * Councillor James Walsh |
| * Councillor Nigel Kearse | Councillor David Wright |
| Councillor Nigel Manning | |

*Present

L26 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Ellwood, Mike Hurdle and Nigel Manning.

L27 LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

L28 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

L29 STREET TRADING POLICY 2018 - 2023

The Committee received a report on the draft Street Trading Policy 2018-2023 to be approved with effect from 27 March 2018.

The Committee at its meeting on 17 September 2017 approved the draft Street Trading Policy for consultation. The consultation was publicised through a number of forums as well as on the Guildford Borough Council website. Ten consultation responses were received, five from members of the public, two from responsible authorities, two from residents and one from Worplesdon Parish Council. The consultation results were supportive of the Street Trading Policy and therefore did not necessitate any changes to be made to it. The consultation indicated strong agreement with the criteria used to determine applications in the draft policy and with taking a light touch approach towards trading at community/charity events. The Committee was reminded that on the 17 January 2018, they adopted a new resolution designating all streets within the Borough as consent streets.

The Committee queried how in depth a Basic Disclosure Certificate was. The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that it was a basic criminal record check that was undertaken to ascertain if a street trader was a suitable person to hold a street trading consent. The Committee also queried whether condition no.24 in Appendix 1 of the Street Trading Policy would be readily enforced on a day-to-day basis. That condition required all traders to move their vehicle/stall at the end of each day's trading. The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that if a street trader persistently did not comply with condition 24 then applicable enforcement action would be taken. The Committee noted that the trading hours of each vendor would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Having considered the consultation results of the draft Street Trading Policy, the Committee

RESOLVED:

To adopt the new Street Trading Policy 2018-2023 with effect from 27 March 2018.

L30 OBJECTIONS TO THE TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES AND CHARGES 2018-19

The Committee received a report recommending that the Taxi and Private Hire Fees and Charges for 2018/19, were approved with effect from 1 April 2018.

The Committee noted that at its meeting on 17 January 2018, it approved the proposed taxi and private hire fees and charges for the financial year 2018/19. One objection had been received from a member of the trade; therefore, the advertised fees and charges could not come into effect until the objection had been formally considered. The objection from a Hackney Carriage proprietor objected to the proposed fees and charges, but did not give any reasons for the objection. The Committee noted that the fees and charges had been calculated using an approved, transparent methodology. The objector also referred to the setting of hackney carriage fares, which was unconnected to setting licence fees.

The Committee noted that the net increase for Hackney Carriage operator's fees was relatively small of £10.59. In addition, given that only one unparticularised objection had been received, the Committee

RESOLVED:

To approve the Taxi and Private Hire Fees and Charges for 2018/19, with effect from 1 April 2018.

L31 LICENSING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19

The Committee noted their work programme for 2018-19.
The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed

Date

Chairman