

LICENSING COMMITTEE

29 November 2017

Present: - Councillors Julie Young (Chairman), Nick Cope, John Elliott, Dave Harris, Pauline Hazell, Darius Laws and Patricia Moore

Substitute Member: - Councillor Theresa Higgins for Councillor Mike Hogg

34. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

35. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy / Results of Consultation

The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Director of Environment on the results of the consultation on the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. The comments and proposed changes were noted. It had become apparent however that the impending changes in data protection and a number of other minor matters that had arisen in the course of the consultation process meant that further work on the Policy was required. It was determined to bring the matter to the Committee on 17 January 2018 with the recommendation that it be approved at the next full Council meeting.

RESOLVED that a report on the Policy be brought back to the Committee's next meeting in January 2018.

36. Site Management Agreement// Face to face collection of direct debit details

The Committee considered a report by the Assistant Direct of Environment on Colchester's Site Management Agreement/ Collection of Direct Debit were asked to determine whether charities could continue to use market and street trading pitches to carry out promotional work including the collection of direct debit details (commonly called chugging).

The Committee had previously determined to restrict chugging activities in the town centre under an agreement signed with the Public Fundraising Regulatory Authority however it had come to the Council's attention that this agreement, which restricted collectors to Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, was being undermined by the booking of market and street trading pitches. The Committee was asked to determine whether this practise was acceptable and if not how such activities could be curtailed without unduly damaging the market's income and still allowing charities the opportunity to promote their work.

RESOLVED that applications by charities who wish to carry out promotional activities using a market stall/street trading licence, must erect and maintain for the duration of the booking, a physical structure from which to carry out their activities and must remain within the

confines of this pitch to carry out their activities.

37. Amendments to the Licensing Policy Report

The Committee considered a report on amendments to be made to the Statement of Licensing Policy to include a paragraph with regards to the Public Space Protection Order.

RESOLVED that the additional paragraph be approved and to be included into the policy.

38. Consultation / Proposals for changes to Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures

The Committee were asked to consider and respond to a Government Consultation on Proposals for Changes to Gaming Machine and Social Responsibility Measures. The survey had to be completed online and the Committee were asked at the meeting, following discussion, to agree on the responses to be made.

Jon Ruder gave a brief introduction to the report and the Committee then took part in answering all questions that were required.