



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## **LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)  
Councillors Beasant (substitute for Mclean) Batson (substitute for Sandford) Boyd, Haggis, Hudson (substitute for Westcott) Farren, Reynolds and K Swinburn.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Eve Richardson Smith (Service Manager – Consultancy)
- Adrian Moody (Licensing and Environmental Protection Manager)
- Sophie Pickerden (Committee Support Officer)

### **L.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillors McLean, Sandford and Westcott.

### **L.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

In accordance with legislative requirement, for the following items the Committee was sitting as the '**Community Protection Committee.**'

### **L.12 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES REVIEW**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining a review of the fees for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing regime in North East Lincolnshire and proposing new fee structures for implementation in 2024.

Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the cost of materials had increased and that this was reflected in the proposed fees. He said that officers had tried to avoid the cost of the materials impacting the fees that the drivers pay but this had not been possible for this year's fees.

Mr Moody informed the committee that the fees included in last year's report were incorrect and that the actual fees had been slightly lower than what was in the report. Mr Moody stated that the correct fees were charged and that it was solely the report that was wrong.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED -

1. That the new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire fees, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction subject to relevant statutory notice procedures.
2. That, subject to statutory public notice, any objections received pursuant to advertisement be delegated and considered by the Assistant Director (Environment), in consultation with the Chair of Licensing and Community Protection Committee.

## **L.13            SCRAP METAL DEALERS' LICENCES - FEES REVIEW**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining a revised fee structure for Scrap Metal Licensing. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the fee to change a licence from a collector's licence to a site licence had decreased. He explained that this reflected a change in the process.

A member queried why the collectors licence cost was substantially higher than the cost of a site licence. Mr Moody responded that the process in obtaining a collector's licence was more time consuming and required a significant number of checks. He stated that the licence did last for three years.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of scrap metal licensing fees, as set out in appendix one of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2024.

## **L.14            SEX ENTERTAINMENT VENUES - FEES REVIEW**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining the reasoning behind a review of the Sex Establishment Fees in North East Lincolnshire and proposed new fee structure. Mr Moody introduced the report and committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of sex entertainment venue fees, as set out in appendix one of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2024.

## **L.15      ANIMAL WELFARE FEES REVIEW**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure outlining the law relating to the welfare requirements of licensed animal activities and proposed new fee structure to recover the costs associated with the regime. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that the only changes proposed to the current regime were amendments made to reflect updated hourly rates, which are based on current budget figures. Mr Moody stated that all officers had now taken part in a mandatory training programme and the cost of this would be reflected in next year's proposed fees. The committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on any matters.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the revised table of animal welfare fees, as set out in appendix one of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2024.

In accordance with legislative requirement, for the following item the Committee was sitting as the '**Licensing Committee.**'

## **L.16      GAMBLING ACT FEES REVIEW**

The committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure proposing changes to the fee structure for licensed gambling premises in North East Lincolnshire and the reasons why these changes were required. Mr Moody introduced the report and explained that there were no major changes to the fees and that the annual fee for betting premises could not be increased any further than the current cost.

A member queried why there was a proposed large increase for the annual fee for family entertainment centres. Mr Moody said that he would check the figure but that it appeared to him to be wrong. He stated that he would report back to the committee if the figure was right and would provide detail on why it was such a large increase. Mr Moody said that the fee should be in line with the other proposed increases.

The committee voted unanimously for the recommendations to be approved.

RESOLVED –

1. That the new fees for Gambling Act premises licences, as set out in appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved for introduction from 1st April 2024.
2. That, in the event the annual fee for family entertainment centre's not be in line with the other proposed fees, the decision be brought back to the committee for consideration.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.20pm.