

MINUTES OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

28 NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow (Chair), Barnett, Miss Dumbleton, Mrs Garcia, D Keeling, J Keeling, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Roodhouse, Russell, Mrs Sayani and Srivastava

8. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chair:

Licensing and Safety Committee held on 11 July 2023; and
Licensing Sub Committee (General) held on 6 September 2023.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4 of Part 1 – Adoption of the Street Trading Policy and Fees Following Consultation -Councillors Mrs A'Barrow and Mrs Roodhouse (non-pecuniary interest by virtue of having street traders within their wards).

10. ADOPTION OF THE STREET TRADING POLICY AND FEES FOLLOWING CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer – Regulation and Safety (Part 1 - agenda item 4) concerning the consultation responses received and the adoption of the Street Trading Policy and proposed fees.

At the meeting held on 11 July 2023, the Committee considered the draft Street Trading Policy and proposed fees and resolved to recommend to Council that:

- (1) the Street Trading Policy and Fees as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B be approved for consultation; and
- (2) any relevant consultation responses may then be considered by the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee and the policy implemented once such consideration has taken place. Following the consultation if no public objections are received within the consultation period, or are later withdrawn, then the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee agrees to implement the policy set out in Appendix A and the fees as set out in Appendix B on a date decided by the Licensing and Parking Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

Following approval of the recommendation by Council, the consultation on the Street Trading Policy and the proposed fees ran from 28 September 2023 to 25 October 2023.

The Committee reviewed all the responses received to the consultation, along with the officer comments, as at Appendix E to the report. It was reported that there had been no objections raised by street traders, but comments had been

received from Rugby First Limited regarding the fact there was no option to pay by instalments.

The fees had been based on a cost recovery basis and were payable in full upon application. There was no option to pay by instalments as this would increase the administrative costs and result in the need to incorporate those additional costs and raise the level of the fees being charged.

It was acknowledged that the policy would be reviewed as necessary, and the review process would follow council procedures and any relevant legislative requirements.

The proposed date of implementation of the Policy was 15 January 2024.

RESOLVED THAT - the Street Trading Policy and Fees as set out in Appendix A and Appendix B of the report be approved for adoption on a date agreed by the Licensing and Parking Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

CHAIR