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Licensing & Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Licensing & Appeals Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 27th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT

Councillor Dawn Greatorex - In the Chair

Councillors: Anthony Bates, John Bointon, Geoff Bond, Neil Buttle, Peter Dobbs, Steve Flitter, Marilyn Franks, Susan Hobson, Laura Mellstrom, Lucy Peacock, Peter Slack and Mark Wakeman

Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Joanne Linthwaite and Steve Wain

28/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 17 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

Voting

05 For

00 Against

08 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

29/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

30/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

31/23 - TEMPORARY PAVEMENT LICENSING REGIME - UPDATE

The Licensing Manager provided an update regarding the temporary pavement licensing regime introduced in 2020. The report considered the proposals contained in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill 2022, to provide an extension of the current licensing provisions beyond 30 September 2024.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the report be noted, and the extension to the temporary pavement licence regime be implemented, with applications for pavement licences to expire on or before 30 September 2024 being invited from food and drink businesses, (subject to enabling legislation being introduced).
2. That the viability of a band structure of fees for temporary pavement licensing be investigated for possible implementation to alleviate the cost pressures on small businesses within the district.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

32/23 - REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE (TAXI) AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY 2023 - PROGRESS REPORT

The Licensing Manager provided the Committee with an update on the review of the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, informing members of additional changes made to the consultation document approved at the January 2023 meeting of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

1. That the Committee agree the amendments made to the Draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy consultation document. (Original draft policy document approved at the January 2023 meeting).
2. That the Committee agree the revised dates of the 8-week consultation exercise as 1st July to 31st August 2023.

3. That the results of the consultation exercise are reported to the October 2023 meeting of this Committee for further consideration and to agree a Final Draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy for referral to the full Council, seeking approval to adopt and republish by 1st January 2024.
4. That further amendments to the draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy be identified which aim to incentivise the use of electric and hybrid vehicles to address air quality concerns within the district.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 6.53 pm

Chairman