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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present:

Butler, Coburn, Davies, Delaney, Drage, Farmer, Forster, Smith and Wildsmith (Chairman)

In attendance: Kinnell (Portfolio Holder), Lamb

Officers: Emma Coles, Shared Licensing Services
Mark Jaggard, Head of Place
Louise Misselbrook, Shared Legal Services
Andrew Wake, Shared Licensing Services
Rebecca Borrett, Committee Services Officer

8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 1 June 2021 were agreed and confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

11 CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman introduced Emma Coles who has recently joined the Shared Licensing Service, and welcomed Andrew Wake to the meeting.

12 DRAFT SHARED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered a new Shared Statement of Licensing Policy.

Members discussed

- Point 8 with regard to any differences between Basingstoke and Fleet in the policy
- Clarification there were no changes to the policy that applied to Hart previously
- How the policy related to potential anti-social behaviour and criminality for Fleet Road. Officers explained every application is considered on its own merits, but the policy has a section on

expectations and if there are grounds for crime and disorder what will be expected.

- The opportunity to link the policy to the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency, to encourage businesses to think about how they run from a climate perspective. It was agreed the Shared Licensing Service officer would speak to the Council's climate change officer.
- Confirmation of date policy must be renewed by, as renewable every five years. Officers explained was due in 2021 and the revised timeline is for this to be in place to bring back to February 2022 committee meeting.

DECISION

Approved the draft Shared Statement of Licensing Policy for consultation, subject to reference to the Climate Change Emergency being added.

Authorised the Head of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory to make minor alterations and typographical corrections to the document before it is published.

13 TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY: MANDATORY CARD PAYMENTS

The Committee considered an amendment to the Taxi and Private Hire Policy, relating to the mandatory card payment acceptance in licenced vehicles, following consultation with the public and responsible authorities. Officers clarified an error in 3.1, the word 'centre' needs to be removed. Members had identified some typing errors within the report which they will email to Shared Licensing Services.

Members discussed

- Clarification that the requirement would relate to the vehicle licence condition, and not the driver
- The timeline for agreement with regard to consultation timescales
- That card machines will accept contactless payments

DECISION

Approved the amendment to the Taxi and Private Hire Policy relating to mandatory card payment acceptance in licensed vehicles.

Authorised the Head of Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regulatory to make minor alterations and typographical corrections to the document before it is published.

The meeting closed at 19:26 pm