

Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017

Present

Councillor Longsden (in the Chair)
Councillors Barrett, Connolly, Cookson, Evans, Grimshaw, Hughes, Madeleine Monaghan, Paul and Stone.

Apologies

Councillors Austin-Behan and Madeleine Monaghan.

LC/17/5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 27 February 2017 were submitted for consideration.

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2017.

LC/17/6 Licensing Update Report.

A report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing was presented to the Committee. The report provided the Licensing Committee with a brief overview of topical information relevant to premises licensing functions of the licensing authority.

The Committee noted that 2 reviews of premises licences had been submitted by Immigration Enforcement, as a newly empowered Responsible Authority.

The Committee requested further information as to how the devolved powers granted to the elected Mayor of Greater Manchester would impact on the function of the Licensing Authority. Officers agreed to provide a further update regarding this to a subsequent meeting.

The Committee also requested further information on the impact of potentially integrating Planning and Licensing Functions as suggested by The House of Lords Select Committee report on its review of the Licensing Act 2003. The Committee were particularly apprehensive as to how this would impact larger authorities such as Manchester, with a concern that the Licensing process could be undermined if it was integrated with the Planning process. The Committee commented that delegation was the main area of concern. Officers agreed that they would investigate how the Select Committee came to the conclusion that they did, and what evidence they used to reach that conclusion, and provide a further update to the Committee at a subsequent meeting.

Decision

1. To note the report.

2. To request further information as to how the devolved powers granted to the elected Mayor of Greater Manchester would impact on the function of the Licensing Authority.
3. To request further information as to how the House of Lords Select Committee came to the conclusion that Licensing and Planning functions should be integrated, and what evidence they used to reach that conclusion.

LC/177 Licensing (Premises) applications between 1 January and 31 March 2017.

A report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing was presented to the Committee. The report informed the Committee of decisions made in relation to applications managed by the Premises Licensing Team.

Decision

To note the report.