



Licensing Policy Committee

Date: Friday, 19 March 2021

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Virtual - <https://vimeo.com/520966787>

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Under the provisions of these regulations the location where a meeting is held can include reference to more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.

To attend this meeting it can be watched live as a webcast. The recording of the meeting will also be available for viewing after the meeting has closed.

Membership of the Licensing Policy Committee

Councillors - Ludford (Chair), Grimshaw (Deputy Chair), Akbar, Davies, Leech and Taylor

Agenda

1. Urgent Business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2020.

5 - 6

5. Review of Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003)

To follow.

Information about the Committee

The Licensing Policy Committee monitors and keeps under review the Council's policy with respect to its licensing functions during the three-year period of the policy, and makes arrangements for consulting statutory consultees and other appropriate persons or bodies in relation to the Council's policy. The Committee then makes recommendations to the Council as Licensing Authority, as to any proposed revisions to its licensing policy during the period of the policy, and in relation to any new policy for the subsequent three-year period.

The Council is concerned to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to the strict minimum. When confidential items are involved these are considered at the end of the meeting at which point members of the public are asked to leave.

Smoking is not allowed in Council buildings.

Joanne Roney OBE
Chief Executive
Level 3, Town Hall Extension,
Albert Square,
Manchester, M60 2LA

Further Information

For help, advice and information about this meeting please contact the Committee Officer:

Ian Hinton Smith
Tel: 0161 234 3043
Email: ian.hinton-smith@manchester.gov.uk

This agenda was issued on **Wednesday, 10 March 2021** by the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit, Manchester City Council, Level 3, Town Hall Extension (Mount Street Elevation), Manchester M60 2LA

This page is intentionally left blank

Minutes of a meeting held on 16 November 2020

Acting under Delegated Powers

Present: Councillor Ludford (Chair).
Councillors Akbar, Davies, Grimshaw and Leech

LPC/20/02 Policy temporary revision 2021-26 report

The report was presented by the Principal Licensing Officer.

The Principal Licensing Officer stated that the Licensing Act 2003 requires Manchester City Council to review the Licensing Policy every 5 years and that this would normally have had a 12 week consultation period before being brought before the Committee. The Principal Licensing Officer explained that the Coronavirus had had a huge impact on the ability to make effective judgements on the Policy due to the closure of licensed premises, the major effect on the economy and the ongoing changes with regards to premises freedom to open and trade.

The Principal Licensing Officer gave mention to 3 local residents groups in the Fallowfield, Withington and West Didsbury areas having raised queries regarding the rise in outdoor drinking due to premises being limited to off-sales during lockdown periods. These residents' groups felt that this had brought about an increase in litter in their areas. The Principal Licensing Officer also explained that residents' groups had enquired as to how they could play a larger part in contributing to licensing applications and stated that the Licensing officers would engage with these residents' groups to request details on how they feel improvements could be made.

The Principal Licensing Officer mentioned that there had been an enquiry as to including Public Health concerns to the Licensing Objectives and explained that it could not be added as this was not an obligation under current Government guidelines.

The Principal Licensing Officer stated that Licensing officers would work on the aforementioned issues and use the responses to inform future policy and recommended that the report was approved for inclusion of the Full Council meeting on 25 November 2020.

The Committee requested information on how Manchester University is involved in tackling disturbances in the CIP zones and the Principal Licensing Officer stated that they would bring back some details on this at the next Licensing Policy Committee meeting.

The Committee stated that they felt that the issue of Public Health was connected to Licensing matters and the Principal Licensing Officer agreed but stated that it was an issue to be mindful of only, in that Public Health cannot be added to the current Licensing Objectives under current Government guidance.

The Committee also raised the issue of how Government Policies around Coronavirus and Premises were at odds with Manchester's Licensing Policy in that

drink had been allowed to be served as off-sales in open containers. The Principal Licensing Officer responded to say that there is now the benefit of hindsight to counter this kind of issue when shaping up the future Licensing Policy.

The Committee gave mention to Scotland having Public Health included in their Licensing Objectives and the Committee confirmed that they could see the benefits in this.

The Committee raised the issue of “bottomless deals” which encouraged overconsumption and the Principal Licensing Officer explained that Licensing officers and GMP make checks and judge each premises on their own merits.

The Committee also raised the issue of premises using branded containers which helped identify where litter was coming from and questioned if this required addressing further and the Principal Licensing Officer agreed and stated that this could be factored into future Licensing Policy.

In concluding information relating to the report, the Principal Licensing Officer stated that a full review was to follow.

Decision

To agree that the policy is submitted to Council on 25 November 2020 with a recommendation that the policy is approved and adopted with effect from 4 January 2021 subject to a full review being conducted in 2021 when feasible in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.