

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**PRESENT –**, *Councillors I Hussain (Chair) Richards, Oats, Groves, Salton, Gee*

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The chair welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillors Casey, Batan, Pearson and Shorrocks

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were submitted.

**RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed as a correct record

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Update on the work of Public Protection and Environmental Health Service**

The Committee were updated on the Council's Public Protection and Environmental Health Service during the period of May to June 2018.

During this period a multi-agency taxi enforcement operation was carried out. In total there were 14 licenced vehicles inspected by a vehicle examiner from the Council's MOT testing station; 1 vehicle had tyres below the legal limit and 5 drivers were given 7 days to put right more minor faults. The drivers were required to present their vehicles to the Council for the repairs to be assessed.

An underage sale of alcohol test purchasing operation took place on 19<sup>th</sup> June with 8 off-licences that were checked following intelligence being received. Two sales took place in the under-age operation. Investigations were ongoing to determine the best course of action to deal with those who had sold alcohol to children.

Businesses that sold hot food between the hours of 11pm and 5a, needed a licence and must pay an annual fee to maintain the licence. There had been late evening visits to a number of takeaways in Blackburn to check on whether they needed the licence.

During the period of 1<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the members of the Licensing Team carried out the work outlined below:

Vehicle licences processed	<b>202</b>
Driver licences processed	<b>55</b>
Licensing Act licences processed	<b>14</b>
Visits to new DPSs	<b>12</b>
Inspections of premises/vehicles carried out	<b>88</b>

The Committee were made of National Issues such as the fixed odds betting terminals and that there had been an update on the Government's recent announcement that it would be reducing the maximum fixed odds stake to £2 from the current £100; this will take place in 2020.

Members were informed that the Home Office was to carry out a consultation on regulating alcohol consumption at airports. The aim is to determine whether regulation of airside drinking was required following a sharp rise in alcohol-related disorder on flights.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Committee note the updates contained in the report.  
That the Licensing Team be thanked for their hard work.

**5. Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees**

The Sub-Committee received the proceedings of the following Sub Committees-

**General Licensing Sub Committee 3rd July 2018**  
**General Licensing Sub Committee 12th June 2018**  
**General Licensing Sub Committee 5th June 2018**  
**General Licensing Sub Committee 6th March 2018**

**RESOLVED** - That the proceedings of the Sub Committees as outlined above be approved as a correct record and signed as a correct record.

**6. Proposed Review of Street Trading Policy in Blackburn with Darwen**

The Members of the Committee were informed about the review of the Council's street Trading procedure and policy and to agree a draft Street Trading Policy for public consultation.

The Council need to be assured of the suitability of an applicant to hold a street trading consent and of any persons working on the trading units. The Council is therefore permitted to require applicants to provide information in support of their application for a street trading consent to allow their suitability to be assessed. Currently the suitability criterion is focused primarily on food hygiene and health and safety. For example the applicant must submit evidence that suitable food hygiene training has been undertaken by them and any staff employed; gas and electrical safety certificates are required and evidence that

public liability insurance is in place. The legality and safety of the vehicle to be used is also considered with the following information being required:

- a) Insurance - a current insurance certificate which must cover street trading
- b) Road Tax - details of the vehicles current road tax
- c) A valid MOT for the vehicle
- d) The Log book (V5) for the vehicle
- e) Consent to access DVLA driving licence records to check for entitlement to drive and any endorsements on the licence. This includes the correct entitlement for towing vehicles.

To improve and promote public safety Public Protection Service staff have looked at the policies of some other local authorities. The following options are available to consider for inclusion in the draft revised Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Street Trading Consent Policy.

1. Submission of a Basic DBS disclosure certificate to allow for identification

**RESOLVED –**

That the Committee noted the report and the approved a draft street trading policy for pupil consultation

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....