

MINUTES

Licensing Committee

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| Date: | Wednesday, 16 November 2022 |
| Venue: | Town Hall, St Annes Road West, St Annes, FY8 1LW |
| Committee Members Present: | Councillor Shirley Green (Chairman) Councillor Ray Thomas (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Brenda Blackshaw, Alan Clayton, Sue Fazackerley MBE, Gavin Harrison, Karen Henshaw JP, Angela Jacques, Michael Sayward and Stan Trudgill |
| Other Councillors Present: | |
| Officers Present: | Carolyn Bland, Ian Curtis, Joanne Gallagher, Jackie Harrison, Andy Hough, Christine Wood |
| Other Attendees: | PC Emma Pritchard One member of the public |

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 March 2019 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance at the meeting.

Presentation

4. General Update from Licensing Police

PC Emma Pritchard updated the Committee in relation to the issue of 'spiking' in the Fylde Borough. PC Pritchard reported that spiking had previously been the subject of high media profile and reporting in October and November the previous year. Since the previous year there had been reduced numbers of incidents reported. As of 1st November 2022, there had been only 7 incidences of 'spiking' reported in the Fylde Borough, five of which licensed premises had been involved.

PC Pritchard also advised of the victim profile of 'spiking' which is female, late teens to early 20s further advising that Fylde Borough did not fit this profile advising of one male who had reported suspicion of spiking and of other reported victims in an age range of mid 30s.

PC Pritchard also advised that victims were very reluctant to report incidences which had previously been reported by concerned parents/partners etc. To date, although there had been no proven cases of spiking and no person had been charged with the offence, the Police were treating the issue very seriously.

PC Pritchard further advised of posters, urine testing kits and interactive vulnerability awareness training available. PC Pritchard also advised of the initiative 'Operation Night Guardian' that would be taking place in St Annes and Lytham town centres which would involve two plain clothed officers identifying potential victims of spiking.

PC Pritchard responded to questions from Members of the Committee

The Committee expressed thanks to PC Pritchard for the update.

Information Items

The following information item was received and noted by the Committee.

5. Control of Opening Hours Under Licensing and Planning Regimes

The Committee received a report providing advice to clarify the operation of relevant processes relating to the control of opening hours under Licensing and Planning Regimes provided to ensure that Members of the Committee were aware of the controls available through planning and licensing legislation.

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