



MINUTES

Licensing Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 25 October 2023
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes Road West, St Annes, FY8 1LW
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Sandra Pitman (Chairman) Councillor Viv Willder (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Frank Andrews, Martin Evans, Susan Fazackerley MBE, Gail Goodman JP, Noreen Griffiths, Gavin Harrison, and Karen Henshaw JP, Paul Hodgson. Councillor Mark Bamforth participated in the meeting via video link ¹ .
Officers Present:	Ian Curtis, Chris Hambly, Joanne Gallagher, Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	Six members 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.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 16 November 2023 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutes in attendance at the meeting.

Decision Items

4. Statement of Licensing Policy

Chris Hambly, Principal Officer (Health and Safety/Licensing), provided an overview in relation to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy that had been reviewed and updated and was ready to go out for consultation. Following a query, Mr. Hambly confirmed that parking considerations had not been included in the policy as parking was not within the parameters of the licensing objectives.

The Committee considered the report, and it was RESOLVED to request Officers to commence a consultation process to introduce the updated Statement of Licensing Policy, with the results being reported to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

¹ Council procedure rule 2 allows a councillor to participate in a meeting remotely in certain circumstances. A remotely participating councillor is not deemed to be present at the meeting and may not move, second or vote on any matter.

5. Cumulative Impact Assessment

Mr. Hambly was invited to present the report in response to a request that had been received stating that, “A large number of Lytham residents are concerned regarding FBC’s policy regarding licensing in Lytham. Particularly the area commencing with the Henry Street/Queen Street Junction and ending at the Clifton Street/Station Road Junction (The Area). The Area merits a Cumulative Impact Policy in similar manner to other towns where there is an abundance of Licensing Premises.”

Mr. Hambly explained that Section 5A of the Licensing Act 2003 prescribed the requirements for the introduction of a Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIP) and the committee was requested to consider the request and determine whether to instruct Officers to commence a consultation, the results of which would be reported to a future meeting. It was highlighted that a CIP would not address or resolve all issues such as waste and planning matters but would be a useful exercise to understand the true impact that was being had in the area.

The committee considered the report and RESOLVED unanimously to instruct officers to commence a consultation process regarding the request for a Cumulative Impact Assessment in the specified area of Lytham, the results of which to be reported to a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

6. Performance of Hypnotism

Mr. Hambly presented an application, that had been received by the Licensing Team, seeking consent for a performance of hypnotism to take place at The Office, St Annes Road West, St Annes on the 26th of October 2023.

By virtue of section 2(3A) of the Hypnotism Act, any function conferred on a licensing authority by that act is a licensing function for the purposes of section 7 of the Licensing Act 2003. Section 7 delegated all licensing functions to the Licensing Committee.

During the discussion concerns were raised on the potential impact that unregulated hypnotism could have on a person’s mental health. It was highlighted that the police had not objected to the application and the model conditions that had been suggested were detailed and offered some assurances. It was agreed that the performance would be permitted but that the committee would want to continue to consider any future applications.

The committee RESOLVED to authorise the performance of hypnotism and attach the revised model conditions permission, as suggested in the Home Office Circular No 39/1996.

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