

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the **LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held on Friday, 2 October 2020 at 10:30am

PRESENT:

Councillor: Kathie Guthrie (Chair)
David Muller (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: Gerard Brewster
Dr Daniel Pratt

Dr Helen Geake
Andrew Stringer

In attendance:

Officers: Emma Richbell – Assistant Manager, Food, Safety and Licensing
Katherine Green – Licensing Officer
David Smithet – Legal Advisor
Karen Sayer – Governance Officer

Apologies:

Paul Ekpenyong
Julie Flatman

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS

1.1 Councillor Andrew Stringer declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a personal licence holder.

2 MLR/20/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2020

It was RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed at the next practicable opportunity.

3 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

3.1 None received.

4 MLR/20/2 LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY STATUTORY FIVE-YEARLY REVISION

4.1 Emma Richbell, Assistant Manager – Food, Safety and Licensing presented Paper MLR/20/2 to the Committee. The report detailed the outcome of the full and targeted public consultation, in respect of the statutory policy revision relating to Licensing Act 2003 functions.

- 4.2 Section 5 of The Licensing Act 2003 requires that each Licensing Authority shall determine and publish a local 'Statement of Licensing Policy' relating to the discharge of its licensing functions under the Act.
- 4.3 It was noted that no responses were received following the public consultation exercise, and therefore no further changes were required to be made to the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 4.4 The Assistant Manager and the Legal Advisor responded to Members' questions in respect of the information contained in Appendix A regarding the size of the District in hectares, and procedures in place to deal with licence holders failing to comply with government lockdown requirements.
- 4.5 Councillor Muller proposed that the recommendation contained in Paper MLR/20/2 be approved. Councillor Stringer seconded the proposal.
- 4.6 The vote was taken by roll call and was unanimous.

It was RESOLVED:

That the post-consultation draft 'Statement of Licensing Policy' in respect of Licensing Act 2003 functions, as attached at Appendix A, be approved.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That the 'Statement of Licensing Policy' document be adopted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.48 am.

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Chair