

## MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the **LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held on Friday, 7 August 2020 at 10:30am

### **PRESENT:**

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

Councillors: Gerard Brewster Paul Ekpenyong  
Julie Flatman Dr Helen Geake  
Penny Otton Stephen Phillips  
Dr Daniel Pratt Andrew Stringer

### **In attendance:**

Officers: Kay Sanders – Licensing Officer  
Nigel Dulieu – Legal Advisor  
Karen Sayer – Governance Officer

### **Apologies:**

None received.

### **11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS**

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

### **12 MLR/19/5 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2020**

12.1 **It was RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed at the next practicable opportunity.**

### **13 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME**

13.1 None received.

### **14 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

14.1 None received.

**15 MLR/19/6 LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY STATUTORY FIVE-YEARLY REVISION**

- 15.1 Kay Sanders, Licensing Officer presented Paper MLR/19/6 to the Committee. The report requested approval of the draft revision Licensing Act 2003 'Statement of Licensing Policy' document in order that a statutory consultation period could commence on its content.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 The Licensing Officer and Legal Advisor responded to Members' questions on issues including: the European Union Services Directive and implications of Brexit, confirmation that the Race Relations Act has been replaced by the Equality Act 2010, clarification on radio links and/or ring around system, modern slavery legislation, and legislation in respect of covid-19.
- 15.4 Councillor Muller proposed that the recommendation contained in Paper MLR/19/6 be approved. Councillor Ekpenyong seconded the proposal.
- 15.5 The vote was taken by roll call and was unanimous.
- 15.6 **It was RESOLVED:**

**That the draft revision Licensing Act 2003 'Statement of Licensing Policy' document, attached as Appendix A be approved. Further that the relevant officers proceed with the commencement of a period of statutory consultation in accordance with Licensing Act 2003 legislation and regulations.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.52 am.

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Chair