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## LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Virtual Meeting held via Skype on Thursday, 11 March 2021 from 7.00 pm - 7.11 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cameron Beart, Derek Carnell (Chairman), Roger Clark, Richard Darby, Simon Fowle, Carole Jackson, Peter Macdonald, Ben J Martin (Substitute) (In place of Hannah Perkin), Lee McCall, Ken Rowles, Paul Stephen, Tim Valentine, Mike Whiting and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Sarah Beasley, Philippa Davies, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris, Chris Hills and Kellie MacKenzie.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Steve Davey, Tim Gibson and Elliott Jayes.

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Hannah Perkin.

### 531 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2015 (Minute Nos. 369 – 372) and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 January 2021 (Minute Nos. 412 – 414) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

The Minutes of the following Sub-Committees were accepted by the Committee and signed by the Chairman:

14 April 2016 (Minute Nos. 642 – 645)  
10 May 2016 (Minute Nos. 656 – 659)  
25 May 2016 (Minute Nos. 686 – 689)  
27 July 2016 (Minute Nos. 805 – 808)  
16 August 2016 (Minute Nos. 825 – 828)  
31 October 2016 (Minute Nos. 970 – 973)  
23 March 2017 (Minute Nos. 1266 – 1270)  
20 April 2017 (Minute Nos. 1290 – 1294)  
8 May 2017 (Minute Nos. 1307 – 1312)  
1 August 2017 (Minute Nos. 154 – 157)  
8 August 2017 (Minute Nos. 160 – 161)  
23 August 2017 (Minute Nos. 171 – 174)  
28 November 2017 (Minute Nos. 354 – 358)  
30 November 2017 (Minute Nos. 372 – 375)  
1 May 2018 (Minute Nos. 641 – 644)  
28 June 2018 (Minute Nos. 85 – 88)  
25 July 2018 (Minute Nos. 150 – 153)  
25 February 2019 (Minute Nos. 514 – 518)  
14 June 2019 (Minute Nos. 52 – 56)  
1 July 2019 (Minute Nos. 104 – 107)  
15 July 2019 (Minute Nos. 129 – 132)  
30 September 2019 (Minute Nos. 258 – 261)  
9 October 2019\* (Minute Nos. 184 – 186)

\*Members noted that this should have read 2020.

A Member queried that some of the minutes had already been signed-off at a previous Licensing Committee meeting.

***Post-Meeting Note: The minutes in question had been signed-off at the General Licensing Committee meetings held on 19 April 2018 and 12 July 2018. However, as there was no further substantial motion at this meeting, apart from the initial one to accept the minutes, they were all signed by the Chairman.***

## 532 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ben J Martin declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of item 4 on the agenda, Statement of Licensing Policy, as he had a personal licence issued by Swale Borough Council (SBC), and his brother was an owner of a licensed premises in Swale.

### Part B Minutes for Information

## 533 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which fed-back on the public consultation on the review of the SBC Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 – 2026. She explained that the current policy had expired on 16 December 2020. The Licensing Officer referred Members to Appendix I in the report which set-out the draft Statement of Licensing Policy. The Licensing Officer said that following the consultation, which ran from 25 January 2021 to 19 February 2021, no responses had been received.

A Member asked why the policy had not run concurrently through from 16 December? The Licensing Officer apologised and acknowledged it was regrettable that this 'gap' had occurred, and explained that due to the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic, some work had not been able to go ahead due to other licensing commitments during this time.

### ***Resolved:***

***(1) That Members noted there were no responses to the public consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.***

***(2) That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 be endorsed so that it can be referred to Council on 31 March 2021 with a recommendation for adoption.***

Chairman

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