EXTRAORDINARY LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Virtual Meeting held via Skype on Thursday, 21 January 2021 from 6.34 pm - 6.42 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Monique Bonney (Substitute for Councillor Lee McCall), Derek Carnell (Chairman), Roger Clark, Richard Darby, Carole Jackson, Peter Macdonald, Hannah Perkin, Ken Rowles, Paul Stephen, Tim Valentine, Mike Whiting and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Billy Attaway, Sarah Beasley, Philippa Davies, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris and Chris Hills.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Steve Davey, Tim Gibson and Richard Palmer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Simon Fowle and Lee McCall.

412 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman explained that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No. 392.

In welcoming all Members and members of the public, the Chairman explained which Swale Borough Council officers were in attendance.

413 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Part B Minutes for Information

414 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which set-out information and guidance on a new draft Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 which required Members' comments and approval, prior to formal public consultation. She explained that local authorities were required to publish a statement of their licensing policy every five years, and the current Statement of Licensing Policy expired on 16 December 2020. The Licensing Officer said the proposed changes to the Policy, set-out in Appendix II of the report were minor or administrative in nature. There would be a 4-week consultation from 25 January 2021 to 19 February 2021. The Licensing Officer added that the results of the consultation would be submitted to the Licensing Act 2003 Committee on 11 March 2021, prior to formal adoption by Full Council on 31 March 2021.

Members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

A Member noted that Appendix I on pages 45, 46 and 47 should be labelled as Appendix II.

A Member congratulated officers on producing the report.

Resolved:

- (1) That following consideration of the draft policy for consultation, the minor amendment above be noted.
- (2) That the consultation process as outlined be noted and officers be instructed to proceed with the same.

Chairman

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