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## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 9 September 2021 from 7.00 pm - 7.09 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cameron Beart, Derek Carnell (Chairman), Simon Fowle, Tim Gibson, Peter Macdonald, Lee McCall and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Billy Attaway, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris, Chris Hills, Charlotte Hudson, Kellie MacKenzie and Jo Thomas.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Roger Clark and Eddie Thomas and Mike Whiting.

### 255 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

### 256 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cameron Beart declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Item 5 (Sex Establishments Policy) and Item 6 (Scrap Metal Policy) as both items had been considered recently at a meeting of the Queenborough Town Council (QTC) of which he was a member. Councillor Beart stated that he had not voted on either item at that meeting.

### Part B Minutes for Information

### 257 PUBLIC SESSION

No one had registered to speak in the Public Session.

### 258 SEX ESTABLISHMENTS POLICY

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which presented the draft Sex Establishments Policy (Appendix I) and detailed the consultation response (Appendix II).

The Licensing Officer reported that two responses had been received, one from QTC who supported the Policy. The other response recommended mentioning 18-year-olds and older more in the Policy and that high visibility stickers were clearly displayed at premises and obscured glass panels be provided at premises. The Licensing Officer explained that officers considered the mentioning of 18-year-olds and older in the Policy, but felt the policy covered this. However, whilst there was reference to obscure glazed doors for sex cinemas this was not a requirement for sex shops. The Licensing Officer proposed therefore, that it be included as an additional condition for sex shops.

There were no questions from Members.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the comments made in the evaluation grid attached as Appendix II to the report be noted.**
- (2) That an additional condition be imposed requiring entrance doors to be obscure glazed in respect of sex shops as minuted.**
- (3) That the draft Sex Establishments Policy as set-out in Appendix I to the report be adopted to run for a period of 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2024.**

**259 SCRAP METAL POLICY**

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which presented the draft Scrap Metal Dealers policy (Appendix I) and detailed the consultation response (Appendix II).

The Licensing Officer reported that two responses to the consultation had been received. QTC had noted the consultation and supported the Policy. The other response suggested restricting the hours at a site in Sittingbourne. The Licensing Officer explained that the Council could only impose conditions relating to opening hours if the applicant or site manager had been convicted of a relevant offence. Therefore no change to the Policy was recommended and Members were asked to adopt the Policy as proposed.

There were no questions from Members.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the comments made in the evaluation grid at Appendix II of the report be noted.**
- (2) That the draft Scrap Metal Dealers Policy as set out in Appendix I of the report be adopted to run for a period of 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2024.**

Chairman

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