
Licensing Committee

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 16 October 2025 from 6.32 pm - 6.39 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chair), Ann Cavanagh (Substitute) (Substitute for Councillor Carole Jackson), Lloyd Chapman, Alex Eyre, Mark Last, Charlie Miller, Lee-Anne Moore, Chris Palmer, Terry Thompson (Substitute for Councillor Rich Lehmann) and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chair).

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY): Councillors Simon Clark and Mark Tucker.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Steph Curtis, Alona Diachenko, Kellie MacKenzie, Jo Thomas and Helen Ward.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Carole Jackson and Rich Lehmann.

399 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

400 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2025 (Minute Nos. 180 - 185) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The Chair accepted the Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees held on 25 June 2025 (Minute Nos. 93 – 96) and 31 July 2025 (Minute Nos. 256 – 259).

401 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

402 **Public Session**

There were no registered speakers.

403 **Draft Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003**

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report as set out in the agenda papers. She drew attention that no responses to the public consultation had been received on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 - 2030.

The Chair invited questions from Members.

In response to a question from a Member, the Licensing Team Leader outlined the ways in which the consultation had been advertised, which included: local newspapers, the Council's website; business bulletins; and trade associations.

The Vice-Chair proposed the recommendations. These were seconded by Councillor Charlie Miller.

Resolved:

- (1) That is be noted that there were no responses to the public consultation on the draft Statement of Licensing Policy.***

Recommended:

- (1) That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 – 2030 be endorsed, and referred to Council on 10 December 2025 for adoption.***

Chair

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