Minutes of a meeting of the Worthing Licensing & Control Committee A 28 June 2021 at 6.30 pm

Councillor Steve Wills (Chair)
Councillor Charles James (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mike Barrett
Councillor Ferdousi Henna
Chowdhury
Councillor Russ Cochran
Councillor Dan Coxhill
Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies
Councillor Kevin Jenkins
Councillor Sean McDonald

Councillor Richard Mulholland Councillor Richard Nowak Councillor Hazel Thorpe Councillor Nicola Waight Councillor Rosey Whorlow Councillor John Turley

LCCA/1/20-21 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

Cllr Kevin Jenkins declared an interest as Executive Member for Regeneration. Members were told that the Member held an open mind with regards to reports before the Committee

LCCA/2/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the 11 February 2021 be approved as the correct record

LCCA/3/20-21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public

LCCA/4/20-21 Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which has been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 4. The report detailed that The Secretary of State for Transport had issued statutory guidance on exercising taxi and private hire vehicle licensing functions to protect children and vulnerable individuals from harm when using these services. Members were requested to note the proposed changes and that the council implement the 'Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards'.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report an answered questions in relation to the nature and cost of DBS checks mentioned in the statutory guidance and differences in conditions required between differing authorities.

Resolved: That the Council adopts the Statutory and Private Hire Vehicle Standards and Officers implement the Standards as soon as practicable.

LCCA/5/20-21 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – Schedule 4 Changes to Street Trading Controls

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 5. Members were requested to consider changing the street trading designation under the above act of a number of streets in the borough that were currently designated 'prohibited' streets for street trading purposes. This report sought to start the process of changing their designation to that of 'consent' street, allowing the provision of occasional street markets and the holding of events that include pop-up vendors, subject to the required permissions.

The Senior Licensing Officer introduced the report to the Committee and answered questions about the nature of the areas and consultation. Specific questions were asked about Liverpool Street and whether road closures would be needed if a change of designation was adopted. Members were told that there was no plans for the need for road closures. A question was asked about disabled access in relation to Broadwater Street West and members were told that disability groups would be consulted as part of the consultation.

Resolved:

- i)That Members pass a draft resolution declaring its intention to re-designate: Broadwater Street West (south of Ardsheal Road),South Street and Liverpool Terrace as consent streets for the purposes of street trading in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and start the required consultation.
- ii) That the Committee pass the draft resolution declaring its intention to redesignate, authorise officers to publish the resolution and complete the process if no relevant objections are received from the public and authorities.
- **iii)** That If relevant representations are received the matter be referred back to this committee for consideration.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm