

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Remote Online Meeting

6 April 2021

Present – Councillors Myers (Chairman), Handley, Heseltine, Moorby, Mulligan, Solloway and Whitaker.

Officers – Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer), Legal Services Manager, Licensing Manager, Democratic Services Manager and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbron and Jaquin.

Councillor Madeley joined the meeting at 7.17pm and did not participate in any votes.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 7.22pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 5 January 2021 were confirmed.

Minutes for Report

LIC.238

CCTV

The Chairman introduced the Licensing Manager who submitted a report which proposed to review the introduction of mandatory CCTV in Licensed Vehicles due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Chairman invited Mr John Pickering (Hackney Carriage Driver) and Mr Gordon Thompson (Private Hire Driver) to address the Committee on the matter. Both Mr Pickering and Mr Thompson appealed to the Committee to delay the implementation date of the CCTV due to the current circumstances and the struggling trade.

The uncertainty of economic recovery due to the current climate was emphasised by the Licensing Manager, with this in mind the Licensing Manager invited Members to consider a revised implementation date. Several Members suggested a further review of the implementation date when hopefully the situation would have more clarity. After a lengthy discussion, Members agreed that in light of current circumstances that the implementation date should be delayed and reviewed in 6 months.

A recorded vote took place which was in favour of delayed implementation and review date.

Resolved – That, the implementation date of the mandatory CCTV is delayed and reviewed at the September Licensing Committee.

LIC.239

CCTV Hardship Policy

Due to the implementation date of the mandatory CCTV being delayed it was;

Resolved – That, the implementation of a Hardship Policy is revisited at the September Licensing Committee.

Licensing Act 2003-Review of Licensing Policy

The Licensing Manager submitted a report which sought Members' approval for the review of the Council's Licensing Policy. Members were reminded that the current statement of Licensing Policy was adopted on 2 August 2016. As a Licensing Authority, Craven District Council must determine and publish the Statement of Licensing Policy every 5 years. Members noted that the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy was due to commence in April 2020, however, due to the pandemic it was delayed.

The Licensing Manager set out the timetable which included a public consultation, approval of policy by Licensing Committee and Full Council final approval. The proposed consultation period was 12 April 2021 to 31 May 2021 and the Licensing Manager drew Members attention to the consultees detailed in the report.

A recorded vote took place which was unanimously in favour of the recommendations.

Resolved – (1) That, the report and draft policy are noted.

(2) That, draft revision of the Council's Licensing Policy is supported and the power to issue the same for public consultation is delegated to the Licensing Manager.

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Chairman.