

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 5.30pm.

Present:

Councillors S. Hussain (Chairman), S. Gaskin, B. George, M. Huckerby, J. Jones, P. Krupski, Z. Krupski, A. Legg, P. Walker, C. Whittaker and C. Wileman

Officers Present:

John Teasdale (Head of Legal and Regulatory Services), Margaret Woolley (Enforcement Team Leader), Daniel Binks (Chief Accountant), Lauren Sheffield (Solicitor), Debra Chivers (Senior Licensing Officer), Bethany Otton (Licensing Officer), Aalia Ahmed (Apprentice Licensing Officer), Emily Thomas (Corporate Services Apprentice) and Daniel Caulkett (Democratic Services Officer)

37/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

38/24 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

39/24 **PUBLIC MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st October 2024 be approved by the Committee and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows.

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor S. Hussain Councillor S. Gaskin Councillor P. Krupski Councillor Z. Krupski Councillor A. Legg Councillor P. Walker Councillor C. Wileman		Councillor B. George Councillor M. Huckerby Councillor J. Jones Councillor C. Whittaker

40/24 **SETTING OF LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25**

The Report of the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services on the Setting of Licensing Fees and Charges 2024/25 was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report:

- Appendix 1: Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25
- Appendix 2: Collated Responses to Consultation
- Appendix 3: Additional petition evidence

Mr Asif Hussain, organiser of the petition, spoke on the proposed impact the proposed changes would have on the taxi trade.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Resolved:

An amendment to the recommendations contained within the report was proposed by Councillor P. Krupski and seconded by Councillor M. Huckerby. The amendment read as follows:

- 1) That the Licensing Committee note the content of the responses to the consultation at Appendix 2 and 3.
- 2) That the Licensing Committee note the content of the Petition at Appendix 2 and 3.
- 3) That the Licensing Committee amend the Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25 to stagger the initial increase over a 3 year period, and for annual reviews to take place thereafter.
- 4) That the revised Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2024/25 be published for the purposes of a consultation exercise which will take place over a 28 day period in accordance with legal requirements.
- 5) That the results of the consultation exercise following its conclusion be presented to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor S. Hussain Councillor M. Huckerby Councillor P. Krupski Councillor Z. Krupski Councillor P. Walker	Councillor S. Gaskin Councillor B. George Councillor J. Jones Councillor C. Whittaker Councillor C. Wileman	Councillor A. Legg

In accordance with rule 17.8, the Chairman used his casting vote and declared the amendment passed.

Chairman