

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 11.30 AM



PRESENT: Councillor M Humphrey, Councillor R Skoulding, Councillor D Connor, Councillor Miss S Hoy, Councillor A Lynn, Councillor A Maul, Councillor Mrs K Mayor, Councillor N Meekins, Councillor W Rackley, Councillor M Tanfield and Councillor D Topgood

APOLOGIES: Councillor S Wilkes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Bishop (Licensing Manager) and Colin Miles (Legal Representative)

OBSERVING: Councillor C Marks, Andy Fox (Environmental Protection Officer) and Dan Horn (Head of Housing & Neighbourhood Services)

Councillor Humphrey welcomed members of the public and press watching the livestream of the Cabinet meeting via YouTube due to Government guidance on social distancing. The meeting was held in accordance with the provision set out in the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and with Fenland District Council's Virtual Meeting Protocol.

LIC1/20 APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was proposed by Councillor Lynn, seconded by Councillor Skoulding and resolved that Councillor Humphrey be elected as Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal Year.

LIC2/20 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was proposed by Councillor Humphrey, seconded by Councillor Connor and resolved that Councillor Skoulding be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the Municipal Year.

LIC3/20 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 14 January 2020 were agreed.

LIC4/20 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Members considered the draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-26 presented by Michelle Bishop.

Councillor Humphrey thanked Michelle Bishop and said that although it was a large document, it was easy to see the changes that had been made.

Members AGREED:

- **To approve the draft Statement of Licensing Policy document under the Licensing Act 2003 for a consultation period of no less than four weeks, and**

- **That officers report back to Committee with the outcomes of the consideration to agree a final version to be referred to full Council for adoption.**

11.45 am

Chairman