

# LICENSING COMMITTEE



**THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2020 - 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Humphrey (Chairman), Councillor R Skoulding (Vice-Chairman), Councillor D Connor, Councillor Miss S Hoy, Councillor A Maul, Councillor N Meekins and Councillor D Topgood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Lynn, Councillor Mrs K Mayor and Councillor W Rackley

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Bishop (Licensing Manager), Dan Horn (Head of Housing and Community Support) and Colin Miles (Legal Representative)

Councillor Humphrey welcomed members of the public and press watching the livestream of the Licensing 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.

## **LIC5/20      PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting held 17 September 2020 were agreed.

## **LIC6/20      REVIEW OF LICENSING STATEMENT OF POLICY DOCUMENT - LICENSING ACT 2003 FOLLOWING RESPONSES RECEIVED DURING CONSULTATION.**

Members considered the Review of Licensing Statement of Policy Document – Licensing Act 2003 report following responses received during consultation presented by Michelle Bishop.

**Members AGREED to recommend to Full Council that the draft Statement of Licensing Policy be approved for the period of 2021 - 2026.**

## **LIC7/20      REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY.**

Members considered the Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy report presented by Michelle Bishop.

Councillor Hoy commented that it would be useful in future to see what the difference is in our policy between items that we must have by law under Licensing Acts and items that we include as an addition.

**Members AGREED:**

- **To approve the draft policy document for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing for a consultation period of no less than six weeks to allow for a public consultation to capture the views of both the trade and public**
- **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.**

10.12 am

Chairman