

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

Meeting held 10 May 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Josie Paszek (Chair), Andy Bainbridge, Lisa Banes, David Barker and Cliff Woodcraft

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam Hurst, Vickie Priestley and Mick Rooney.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. DETERMINATION OF LICENCE FEES

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report on the Licensing Fees Review (Determination of Fees) for the 2018/19 financial year and attaching, as appendices, a breakdown of the Licensing Service's budget for 2018/19, proposed fees for the different licensing services and functions, details of the statutory fees and a schedule of fees relating to the Safety of Sports Grounds.

4.2 Clive Stephenson (Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer) introduced the report, indicating that, further to careful consideration of the allocation of time, costs and the resulting calculations, it had been proposed to increase the fees in respect of licences regarding Scrap Metal, Pavement Cafes, Skin Piercing and Second Hand Dealers. Mr. Stephenson confirmed that the fees had been viewed and approved by the Finance Service.

4.3 In response to questions raised by Members of the Committee, it was stated that, as well as the proposed fees being advertised, the Licensing Service had consulted with relevant licensees and representative groups, particularly where changes had been proposed. It was confirmed that any costs with regard to the judicial review of decisions made regarding Sex Establishments/Sexual Entertainment Venues were met corporately, and not by the Service. Mr Stephenson confirmed that proposed increases in the four areas now stated had been recommended due to increased staffing costs associated with dealing with such licences. The wide percentage variance in terms of the proposed increases was either due to large increases in the number of applications for such licences, hence increases in staff time, or where there were new licences, such as Pavement Cafes, where the Service had estimated the fees from the outset, and

now determined that they needed increasing.

4.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted, the comments now made and the responses provided to the questions now raised; and
- (b) authorises the Chief Licensing Officer to impose the fees, as detailed in the report now submitted, and the relevant appendices.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 5.1 The minutes of the meetings of (a) the Licensing Committee held on 23rd November and 14th December, 2017 and (b) the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 24th, 28th and 30th November and 5th, 12th and 21st December, 2017 and 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 25th and 30th January, 1st, 6th, 8th, 13th, 20th, 22nd and 27th February, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 27th March and 5th April, 2018, were approved as correct records.