

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Thursday, 5th September, 2019

Place: Committee Room 4 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor H McDonald (Chair)
Councillors B Ayling (Vice-Chair), K Buck, D Cowan, A Dear,
N Folkard, S Habermel, D McGlone, K Mitchell, I Shead and
A Thompson

In Attendance: E Georgeou, A Penn, M Newton, T Byrne and T Row

Start/End Time: 2.30 pm - 2.55 pm

284 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Borton, Dent, Garston and Ward (no substitutes).

285 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

286 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th June 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

287 Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee received an oral report and presentation from the Regulatory Services Manager on the revisions to the Licensing Policy for Southend-on-Sea. A copy of the draft policy for 2020-2024, which included the changes from previous policy, was presented to the Committee to enable its views to be forwarded to the Cabinet as part of the consultation process. The Committee also had before it, for information purposes, a summary of the consultation responses that had been received to date. A copy of the slides used in the presentation were circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet be informed that the Committee supports the proposed draft Licensing Policy 2020-2024, subject to the amendment of paragraph 10.4 as set out below:

“10.4 The Licensing Authority expect licensed premises to develop a staff policy and training programme on drug awareness and recognising signs of drunkenness and vulnerability, for example, offering drinking water and advice for refusing

customers who appear drunk and discourage company policies that promote bonuses and sales incentives for selling alcohol. The Licensing Authority will expect necessary precautionary processes to restrict drunkenness, e.g. Home Office Licensing Guidance states drinks promotions should not be designed to encourage individuals to drink excessively or rapidly.”

Chair: _____