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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Licensing Committee

Date: Tuesday, 10th July, 2018
Place: Committee Room 4 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Hadley (Chair)
Councillors D McGlone (Vice-Chair), K Buck, S Buckley, T Byford,
N Folkard, S Habermel, T Harp, A Jones, H McDonald, C Mulroney
and G Phillips

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

Start/End Time: 9.30 am - 11.00 am

114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayling, Borton and Dear (no substitutes).

115 Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared at the meeting.

116 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th September, 2017

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4th September 2017 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

117 Sex Establishment Licensing Policy Consultation

The Committee received a presentation by the Council's Regulatory Services Manager on the draft Sex Establishment (SEV) Licensing Policy. Copies of the slides used in the presentation were circulated at the meeting. The Committee also had before it a copy of the draft policy, the amended draft conditions for SEV licences and the questionnaire used in the consultation process.

The Committee was informed of the amendments and additions that had been made to the policy and received an overview of the responses that had been received to the consultation to date.

The Committee discussed the draft policy in some detail, and in particular, the addition of the new proposal set out at paragraph at 10.1.6 to limit the number of licences permitted within the Borough and to automatically drop the limit downwards to zero in the event that an existing licence is surrendered, revoked or not renewed.

The Committee noted however, that this new proposal was not unusual and that the responses received to date supported its inclusion. Furthermore, it would not

remove the right of an applicant to apply for a licence and, in such circumstances, the Council would still be required to process and deliberate on any applications received. Accordingly the new draft policy retained proposed conditions and provisions to properly control new premises to allow for the eventuality that an applicant successfully showed that the limit should not apply to their application. The Committee felt however, that a reference to paragraph 9.1 of the policy which clearly explained this principle should be included under this new proposal.

Resolved:-

That the draft Sex Establishment Licensing Policy be supported subject to the following amendments:

- The inclusion of a reference to paragraph 9.1 to be included under paragraph 10.1.6; and
- The correction of an error in paragraph 19.1 from the reference to 10.1.5 to 10.1.6.

Chairman: _____