

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2020**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Aslam – Vice-Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*G. Adam
R. E. Carroll
C. Carter
Y. Tennant*

Officers in attendance:

<i>M. Armfield</i>	<i>Licensing Enforcement Officer</i>
<i>M. Ali</i>	<i>Licensing Administration Officer</i>
<i>E. Barker</i>	<i>Solicitor (Burnley Borough Council)</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Adams and S. Wicks.)



14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th August, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. LICENSING POLICY- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

It was reported that, as agreed at the last meeting of the Committee, there had been an eight week public consultation on the Council's Draft Licensing Statement of Principles (Policy).

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report for Members to consider the responses and proposed modifications. In total, there had been five responses, of which three offered no suggested additions or content amendments. One response related to some minor formatting changes, which had been implemented. The remaining response had come from INSPIRE, a substance misuse organisation, and offered the opportunity for Pendle licensees and their staff to access their locally based training courses.

Officers had positively considered this response and, as a result, had inserted an additional paragraph into item 30 of the draft Statement, which outlined the Council's approach in encouraging licensees and their staff to undergo regular training.

In addition to the above, one other amendment had been made to the draft document, which made it different to the current Statement. This referred to child safety and child exploitation as being main considerations in determining licence applications and the procedures that the Council would follow in terms of enforcement when dealing with such matters. Officers had updated this section of the Statement to align with improved internal working practices and to support new and existing operational procedures in place with partner organisations, such as the Police.

RESOLVED

That this Committee agrees to the modifications made to the draft Licensing Statement of Principles (Policy) and recommends that the Statement be adopted by Council.

REASON

To ensure that Pendle has an up to date Statement in order to comply with the Licensing Act 2003.

CHAIRMAN _____