

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 29TH AUGUST 2024
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT –

Councillor Y. Tennant (Chair)

Councillors:

*S. Ahmed
D. Gallear
M. Hanif
D. Hartley
D. Lord
K. McGladdery
K. Salter
M. Stone*

Officers in attendance:

<i>W. Iqbal</i>	<i>Licensing Officer</i>
<i>E. Barker</i>	<i>Legal Services Manager</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED

That Councillor M. Hanif be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT STREET TRADING POLICY 2024-2029

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report which sought authorisation of the Council's draft Street Trading Policy 2024-2029 for public consultation.

The Council's current Street Trading Policy, which dated back to January 2019, was submitted as appendix 1 to the report. The 2024-2029 draft policy, attached at appendix 2, suggested amendments that sought to tighten up provisions in relation to trading in moving vehicles and to

also deal with national concerns regarding child sexual exploitation. A copy of the application pack to be sent out to new and existing applicants was also attached as an appendix to the report. The Committee discussed the proposed suggestions in detail and clarification was provided on several elements. It was proposed that the following amendments be made to the draft, prior to it going out to consultation –

Section 5 – Application Process and Exemptions

That subscription to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Update Service be mandatory for Street Trading Consent holders as well as all employees.

Section 9 – Offences – Guidance on convictions for applicants

That part 4(b) and 4(c) relating to sexual and indecency offences be combined to state that applicants will not get consent if they have a conviction for any of the following –

- Rape
- Indecent assault
- Indecent exposure
- Causing or encouraging prostitution
- Sexual intercourse with a girl under 13
- Sexual intercourse with a girl under 16
- Gross indecency
- Indecency towards children
- Indecent photographs of children

Members also recommended that the instructions for the Safeguarding Children and Adults Awareness Training Course be made clearer.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the draft Street Trading Policy 2025–2029 be revised to include the proposed amendments and reflect the discussion.
- (2) That, following amendment, the draft policy be put out to public consultation.

REASON

To allow members of the public, service users and other relevant organisations to make comments.

CHAIR _____