

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

Within the Terms of Reference of, and under the powers and authority delegated to, the Committee, to make decisions within the policies, strategies and agreed budget of the Council with regard to matters relating to licensing and registration.

### **2. CONSTITUTION AND POWERS**

- (i) The Licensing Committee will comprise 15 Members.
- (ii) Political balance will apply.
- (iii) The quorum of the Licensing Committee will be five Members.
- (iv) Members shall not serve on the Licensing Committee unless they have undergone training on Licensing matters in accordance with the Council's Licensing System Protocol and Procedures.
- (v) When meeting as a Sub-Committee to deal with applications under the Licensing Act 2003 or Gambling Act 2005, three Members of the Licensing Committee will be selected to determine these applications.
- (vi) When meeting as a Sub-Committee to deal with applications for Street Trading Consent and Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators licences, three Members of the Licensing Committee will be selected to determine these applications.
- (vii) When meeting as a Sub-Committee to deal with applications under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, three Members of the Licensing Committee will be selected to determine these applications.

### **3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- (1) To carry out the functions of the Council as licensing authority so far as required or permitted by the Licensing Act 2003 in accordance with Sections 6, 7, 9 and 10 of the Act and Regulations thereunder.
- (2) To carry out the functions of the Council as licensing authority under the Gambling Act 2005.
- (3) To consider contentious applications, variations and revocations for scrap metal dealer licences with further delegation to Licensing Sub-Committees.
- (4) To determine, and approve, policy for scrap metal dealer licences.
- (5) To exercise all powers and duties of the Council on the licensing, consents, authorisations, permits and registrations of:
  - (a) Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, drivers and operators.
  - (b) Food premises.
  - (c) Residential caravan sites.
  - (d) Street trading, markets and Sunday trading.

- (e) Pleasure boats.
  - (f) Street collections and house-to-house collections.
  - (g) Acupuncture, tattooing electrolysis and body piercing.
  - (h) Scrap metal dealers.
  - (i) Hypnotism.
  - (j) Sex establishments.
  - (k) Pavement licences.
  - (l) Animals (including Animal Activities, Dangerous Wild Animals and Zoos).
  - (m) All other matters requiring a licence, consent, authorisation, permit or registration which are not either specified above or delegated to a Committee or Officer of the Council.
- (6) In respect of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles to fix a table of fares to which objection has been made.
  - (7) In respect of street trading to designate streets as "prohibited streets" in accordance with the Council's policy.

#### **4. DELEGATED POWERS**

Subject to the General Provisions, and Scheme of Delegation to Officers, to determine all matters within the Terms of Reference of the Committee.