

Runnymede Borough Council

Licensing Committee

9 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors J Wilson (Chairman), D Cotty (Vice-Chairman) M Adams, R Bromley, T Burton, T Gracey, M Harnden and J Olorenshaw

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors M Kusneraitis, M Maddox and P Snow

255 **Fire Precautions**

The Chairman read the fire precautions which were duly noted.

256 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 June 2021 was confirmed as a correct record.

257 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were recorded from Councillors M Kusneraitis, M Maddox and P Snow.

258 **Fees and Charges 2022/2023**

The Committee's approval was sought for the Fees and Charges pertaining to matters under the Licensing Act 2003 for 2022/2023.

As with previous years, Members shared the Officers' concerns that the Government had not yet legislated for the provision for local authorities to set fees locally and that the fees, set by statute, had not increased since their introduction in 2003. This meant that the year on year deficit now stood at an estimated £25,000 for the next financial year.

Members noted that the Fees and Charges had to recover the Council's costs but could not be used as an economic deterrent or to raise funds.

Despite this, Officers confirmed that since 2006, net expenditure had fallen due to increased efficiencies, more digitisation and streamlined procedures as well as a reduction in staffing costs. This was illustrated by a series of spreadsheets which would be circulated with the Minutes.

RESOLVED that –

The proposed fees and charges for 2022/2023, be approved, to be effective from the dates in the appendix or as soon as practical thereafter.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.38pm)