

Runnymede Borough CouncilLicensing CommitteeTuesday, 8 November 2022 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Committee present: Councillors J Wilson (Chairman), E Gill (Vice-Chairman), T Burton, D Clarke, D Cotty, V Cunningham, A King and S Saise-Marshall.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillors J Broadhead, J Furey and J Olorenshaw.

In attendance: Councillors .

303 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2022 and those of the Sub-Committee held on 11 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record. The Sub-Committee Minutes are attached at Appendix 'A.'

As discussed at the meeting on 6 June 2022, Officers would provide the Committee with a breakdown of the 33 pubwatch members showing the ratio between public houses and registered clubs.

Officers confirmed that the gov.uk payments online system was due to be replaced in March 2023. Until then customers could pay via telephone or BACS direct to the Council.

The Committee noted that a report on Pavement Licensing would now be submitted to the Regulatory Committee in mid 2023, owing to legislative delay.

304 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Broadhead, J Furey and J Olorenshaw.

305 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to record other than those already declared by Members of the Committee on their main register of interests.

306 Licensing Fees and Charges 2023-2024

The Committee was asked to approve the fees and charges under the Licensing Act 2003.

Members were disappointed that because the ability to set fees locally had not yet been through Parliament, the legislation was understood to be in draft form, the deficit now stood at approximately £25,500 for 2023/2024. The fees had remained unchanged since their introduction and had not kept up with inflation. However, the Council's costs had not increased significantly, therefore the deficit had been at this level since 2018.

RESOLVED that –

The proposed fees and charges as set out in Appendix A of the agenda be approved, to be effective from the dates within the appendix, or as soon as practical thereafter

307 Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no confidential or exempt items on the agenda.

Appendix A

(The meeting ended at 7.39 pm.)

Chairman