

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Dickson, Gurpreet Singh Johal, June McKay, Lawrence O'Neill, Chris Pollock and Hazel Sorrell.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Section Head - Licensing; Robert Mackie, Senior Officer (Licensing Services); Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Diane Docherty and John Millar and Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland.

Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 3 August 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record, with the adjustment of Councillor Singh Johal being noted as Councillor Johal in the Minute.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

THE CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (LICENSING OF SHORT-TERM LETS) ORDER 2022

A report was submitted by the Manager of Legal Services providing the Committee with information on the new powers that have been given to local authorities to regulate short-term lets in the form of a licensing scheme and seeking approval of the terms of the draft Short-Term Lets Policy to be effective from 1 October 2022.

Having heard the Manager of Legal Services, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the commencement of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 on 1 March 2022;
- (2) to note that, as a result of the provisions of the legislation, local authorities must open a licensing scheme for short-term lets by 1 October 2022;
- (3) to note the challenges the Council faces in relation to the implementation of this licensing scheme;
- (4) to approve the draft Short-Term Lets Policy attached as Appendix 1 to the report, subject to any minor amendments agreed by the Manager of Legal Services in consultation with the Convenor to accommodate any significant observations from the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority; and
- (5) to review the Policy and its implementation within the next 18-24 months and ensure any issues are raised and managed going forward.

The meeting closed at 10.11 a.m.