

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

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

**Attending:** Michael McDougall, Section Head – Licensing; Bob Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor John Millar and Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland.

**Councillor Lawrence O'Neill in the 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 Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 15 February 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

### **SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENSING**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising the Licensing Committee (“the Committee”) on the responses received to the recently concluded consultation on the terms of its draft Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy Statement (“the Policy”) and for the Committee to thereafter determine the terms of the Policy as well as the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues.

Having heard from the Section Head (Licensing), and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to set the number of Sexual Entertainment Venues in West Dunbartonshire and each relevant locality to Zero (Nil) and approve the Policy subject to it being updated with a note on the appropriate number of Sexual Entertainment Venues being agreed at Zero (Nil) and the reasoning for the determination being that without a licensing regime operators would be free to open Sexual Entertainment Venues across West Dunbartonshire without oversight by the Council and for the further rationale in the Policy.

The Section Head (Licensing) noted the Policy would be updated and come into effect on 17 May 2023.

### **IMPACT ON THE CLYDEBANK TAXI TRADE FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL'S LOW EMISSION ZONE**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising the Licensing Committee ("the Committee") of trade concerns relating to the impact of the implementation of Glasgow City Council's Low Emission Zone ("LEZ") on taxis licensed in the Clydebank zone.

Having heard from the Section Head (Licensing) and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the implementation of Glasgow City Council's LEZ and the impact it would have on non-compliant taxis entering it;
- (2) to instruct officers to investigate what reasonable and proportionate steps can be taken, if any, to ameliorate the impact of the LEZ and what impact any steps will have on taxi users; and
- (3) to retain the policy of a 100% wheelchair accessible fleet within the Clydebank Zone.

### **SHORT TERM LETS LICENSING**

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration advising the Licensing Committee ("the Committee") of an extension, approved by Scottish Ministers, for existing hosts to apply for a Short-Term Lets licence and the date by which all Short-Term Let operators must be licensed.

Having heard from the Section Head (Licensing) the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of this report;
- (2) to amend any reference to 1 April 2023 within the Committee's Short-Term Lets Policy to 1 October 2023;

- (3) to amend any reference to 1 July 2024 within the Committee's Short-Term Lets Policy to 1 January 2025; and
- (4) to delay the review of its Policy and its implementation from 18 to 24 months from its adoption to 24 to 30 months.

The meeting closed at 2.17 p.m.