FAREHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 27 March 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor   Mrs P M Bryant (Chairman)

Councillor   Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, Miss S M Bell, F Birkett, T M Cartwright, MBE, Mrs T L Ellis, J S Forrest, Mrs C Heneghan, L Keeble, A Mandry, Mrs K Mandry, R H Price, JP and K D Evans (deputising for M J Ford, JP)

Also Present:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M J Ford, JP.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on 23 January 2018 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. UPDATE ON FAREHAM AND GOSPORT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

The Committee received a presentation by the Head of Environmental Health which provided Members with an update on the Fareham and Gosport Environmental Health Partnership. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes for information.

The presentation gave details of the membership and management of the Panel, the scope of its service, an overview of progress to date, key financial information and an update on service delivery performance. A summary of current issues was also provided which covered the need for the Partnership Agreement to be updated, changes to legislation relating to Houses in multiple occupancy, planned changes to the food regulation system and a brief update on Air Quality. This included confirmation that grant funding of £150,000 has been awarded this week to fund a taxi replacement incentive scheme across Fareham and Gosport that will help the Council to reduce the number of older, diesel cars on the roads. The Head of Environmental Health advised Members that a report will be brought to the Committee in June to provide further information about the incentive scheme.

The Committee was also advised that there are a small number of loopholes in the Taxi Licensing Policy that need to be addressed. These will be presented to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

The Head of Environmental Health was thanked for providing his presentation to the Committee.

7. ONLINE GAMBLING REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health which provided information in respect of online gambling.

The Head of Environmental Health highlighted the extensive scope of online gambling regulation which demonstrates the tight control that the Gambling Commission has on the Gambling Industry.

The Head of Environmental Health was thanked for providing a very comprehensive and informative report.

RESOLVED that the Committee notes the content of the report.

8. **FINAL REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental Health which gives a final review of the Committee's 2017/18 Work Programme and proposes a draft Work Programme for 2018/19.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that, as outlined in item 6, additional reports regarding the Taxi Replacement Incentive Scheme and Updates to Licensing Conditions will be added to the 2018/19 Work Programme for the meeting scheduled to take place in June.

Having reviewed the Work Programme for the current year 2017/18, as attached as Appendix A to the report it was RESOLVED that:

(a) reports entitled 'Taxi Replacement Incentive Scheme' and ''Licensing Conditions Update' be added to the June meeting of the 2018/19 Work Programme;

(b) subject to (a) above, the Committee approves the proposed Work Programme for 2018/19, as attached as Appendix C to the report; and

(c) the proposed Work Programme for 2018/19 be submitted to Council for endorsement.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.40 pm).