

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 26 May 2022

Present:

Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe (Chairman)
Councillor Mike Botting (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Kathy Bance MBE, Nicholas Bennett MA J.P.,
Robert Evans, Kira Gabbert, Mike Jack, Josh King,
Jonathan Laidlaw, Keith Onslow, Harry Stranger,
Ryan Thomson and Sam Webber

Also Present:

Councillor Julie Ireland

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Lee and
Melanie Stevens.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6 QUESTIONS

No questions had been received.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2022 be
confirmed.

8 APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE BODIES Report CSD22067

The Committee, on behalf of the Council, considered the appointment of
Council representatives to serve on a range of outside bodies and
partnerships. Most appointments were made annually, following the municipal
year, but a small number of appointments were for three or four year terms of
office. A schedule of nominations was circulated before the meeting.

RESOLVED that the appointments set out in Appendix A to these
minutes be confirmed.

9 WORK PROGRAMME AND MATTERS ARISING
Report CSD22068

The Committee received updates on matters outstanding from previous meetings, and considered its work programme for 2022/23.

In terms of matters outstanding, it was noted that there was no further update on Emma Raducanu, so the Chairman suggested that this did not need to be reported unless there was any progress. An update on the issue of hybrid meetings was due at the next meeting.

The Committee received an annual report each autumn on formal complaints including complaints referred to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman. A Member suggested that the Committee should review a much wider range of complaints, including Fix-My-Street. Other Members commented that there was a difference between complaints and requests for service or information – most of the reports on Fix-My-Street were the latter. It was noted that Cllr Turrell, as Executive Assistant, had been asked to examine the use of Fix-My-Street.

The Committee decided to appoint working groups to consider the appointment of Honorary Aldermen and the Council's Constitution. Proportionality was not required on working groups, but opposition Members commented that their groups needed fair representation on working groups and in outside body appointments.

It was confirmed that there would be a training session on Licensing after the Committee's next meeting in July. The Committee requested that minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee meetings be reported to their meetings in future.

RESOLVED that

(1) The matters outstanding and the work programme (with comments above) be noted.

(2) A Working Group comprising Councillors Kathy Bance, Mike Botting, Robert Evans and Pauline Tunnicliffe be appointed to consider candidates to be appointed as Honorary Aldermen.

(3) A Working Group be appointed to review the Council's Constitution.

The Meeting ended at 7.36 pm

Chairman