

Harborough District Council



Report to Council Meeting of 24 July 2023

Title:	Update from the Licensing and Regulatory Committees
Status:	Public
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Appendices:	n/a

Summary

- i. This report summarises the activities of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees and their sub-committees since the last meeting of Council.

Recommendations

1. That Council note the report

Reasons for Recommendations

- ii. The Council Procedure Rules contained within the Council's constitution provide that Council will, at an ordinary meeting of the Council, receive a report from each committee and receive questions and answers on that report.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report updates Council on the activities of the Licensing Committee and the Regulatory Committee since the last meeting of Council.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council's constitution includes, at Part 4, Council Procedure Rules. These procedure rules apply to meetings of the full Council. They also largely apply to committee and sub-committee meetings, but do not apply to Overview and Scrutiny meetings, or to meetings of Cabinet, which bodies each have their own procedure rules, also contained in Part 4 of the Constitution.

- 2.2. Council Procedure Rule 2 sets out the order of business to be transacted at an ordinary meeting of Council, stating at 2.10 that it will “receive reports from the Council’s Committees and receive questions and answers on those reports”.

3. Details

- 3.1. Members will recall that Annual Council resolved to maintain existing Committees. Nominations to the committees were provided by the political groups in accordance with the political balance arrangements. The majority group nominated Cllr Finan as the Chairman of the Licensing committee.
- 3.2. The committees have received training from council officers as part of their induction process, and have also had the benefit of additional external training from an external expert. This training was procured on a joint basis with Melton Borough Council.
- 3.3. There has been one licensing sub-committee meeting since the last meeting of Council.

4. Implications of Decisions

Corporate Priorities

- 4.1. The Council is committed to delivering its corporate priorities as set out in its corporate plan. Providing the information contained within this report gives assurance that the Council continues to work to deliver these priorities.

Consultation

- 4.2. This report reflects the activities of the committees and sub-committees. Members are entitled to attend most meetings and access the reports provided to the same. No further consultation is required upon the activities of the committees.

Financial

- 4.3. This report provides an update on the work of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees and sub-committees and has no financial consequences for the budget set by the Council.

Legal

- 4.4. This report provides an update on the work of the Licensing and Regulatory committees and sub-committees and ensures they comply with their obligations to Council as set out in the Council Procedure Rules.

4.5. Environment Implications

- 4.6. This update report does not impact upon the Council’s commitment to achieving net zero carbon.

Risk Management

- 4.7. The contents of this report do not pose any risk implications for the Council as it provides an update on the work of the Licensing and Regulatory committees and sub-committees.

Equalities Impact

- 4.8. The Council has a statutory duty to consider and demonstrate equalities impact in all of its activities. However, the report does not directly impact upon the public sector equality duty given it reports the activities of committees and sub-committees.

Data Protection

4.9. This report contains no private information.

5. Alternative Options Considered

5.1. There are no alternative options given this report is required to comply with the Council Procedure Rules.

6. Recommendation

6.1. Council is invited to note the activity of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees and their sub-committees since the last meeting of Council.

7. Background papers

7.1. None

