

## MINUTES

### LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2019

**Councillors:** Allen  
Mrs Bassadone  
Bhinder (Vice-Chair)  
P Hearn (Chair)  
Johnson  
Link  
Peter  
R Sutton

<b>Officers:</b>	Usman Mohammed	Litigation Barrister
	Phil Nolan	Licensing Compliance Officer
	Sally Mcdonald	Lead Licensing Officer
	Charlie Webber	Corporate & Democratic Support Officer
	(Minutes)	

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

#### **1** MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 were agreed and then signed by the Chair.

#### **2** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bowden, Imarni, Pringle and Rogers.

#### **3** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4** PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

#### **5** ANIMAL LICENSING POLICY CONSULT

Lead Licensing Officer Sally Mcdonald introduced the report and stated that at the meeting of the Licensing and Health and Safety Enforcement Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> September, Members agreed the draft content of the Dacorum Borough Council Animal Licensing Policy, and also agreed that the draft policy go out to public consultation.

S Mcdonald stated that consultation commenced on 13<sup>th</sup> September, during which time the draft policy was published on the Dacorum Borough Council website inviting responses between then and 25<sup>th</sup> October. She added that all licence holders, a selection of neighbouring authorities, internal departments of the Council that they notify during the application process, and DEFRA were all e-mailed directly to notify them of the consultation.

S Macdonald said that one response was received during that period, from a current licence holder that operates a dog home boarding business in the borough. She continued that their e-mail does not refer to the content of the policy, rather the interpretation of DEFRA guidance by us compared with other authorities. S Macdonald noted that this e-mail and their response is set out on page 4 of the agenda.

S Macdonald stated that, this being the case, she request that Members note the response to the consultation, and agree the Dacorum Borough Council Animal Licensing Policy with no further amendments.

#### Decision

That the Committee considered the consultation response in respect of the draft policy and unanimously agreed to adopt the Animal Licensing Policy.

The Meeting ended at 7.32 pm