

# CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 16:30 via Zoom.**

**Present:** Councillors S Walker (in the Chair), E Ashby and N Brown.

**Also present:** A Shanley (Parish Clerk).

## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Doig, H Weston and G Nair.

## **2. To receive any declarations of interest from members**

None received.

## **3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## **4. To receive any public participation comments on the following agenda items**

None received.

## **5. Update on recent licensing applications in the parish area**

The Clerk advised that the minor variation application from Whitbread Group Plc for the Premier Inn at Milburngate had now been granted. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

The Clerk also advised that the new license application from Mexican Grill Limited for Tortilla at 37-38 Silver Street had also been granted. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

The Clerk reminded Members that the deadline for responding to the application from Ei Group Limited for a shadow license for The Fighting Cocks, 4 South Street was tomorrow. The Committee had **agreed** to note this application.

## **6. Progressing the cumulative impact policy for Durham City proposal**

The Clerk advised that he was engaging with Durham Police on a joint response to DCC's Head of Licensing following the request from both the Parish Council and the Police that Durham City be considered once more for a cumulative impact policy. The Clerk advised that he hoped to have relevant officers from Durham Police at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee to discuss this in more detail with the Committee.

## **7. Progressing the late-night levy for Durham City proposal**

The Clerk reminded Members that he had circulated a draft advert for a licensing professional to produce a report in favour of the introduction of a late-night levy for the City.

The Committee expressed concerns that, with businesses recovering from the pandemic and having to deal with added costs at present, now may not be the best time to push for the introduction of this levy. In view of this, it was **agreed** that this proposal be

delayed until next year and the main focus of the Licensing Committee's attention should be on securing a cumulative impact policy for the City.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all for their attendance and contribution and closed the meeting.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. A. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

**Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Licensing Committee  
(4<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**