

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2025 at 10.15 am

Present:-

Present: Cllr D A Flagg, Cllr A Keddle, Cllr A Chapmanlaw, Cllr G Farquhar,
Cllr A Filer, Cllr E Harman, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr J Richardson,
Cllr L Williams and Cllr P Canavan

Cllr P Sidaway (via MS Teams)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bartlett and Matthews.

2. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

3. Election of Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Flagg be elected as Chair of the Licensing Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2025/26.

4. Election of Vice Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Keddle be elected as Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee for the ensuing municipal year 2025/26.

5. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 13 March 2025, and the Licensing Sub-Committees held on 19 March and 9 April 2025, be signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

7. Public Issues

There were no public questions, statements, or petitions for this meeting.

8. Forward Plan

The Licensing Manager took members through the Committee's Forward Plan, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The following updates were provided:

- Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy – the final policy would now be considered by the Licensing Committee on 18 September 2025 as the licensing team had dealt with a high volume of reactive priority work over the past few months, which had led to the previous timetable becoming unachievable.
- The Pleasure Boats and Boatpersons Licensing Policy - Following informal consultation with stakeholders, the draft policy would now be considered by the Licensing Committee on 11 December 2025.
- Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Vehicle and Operator Policies – The Licensing Committee would consider the responses to the public consultation on the draft policies on 22 October 2025. This was an additional meeting to allow statutory time scales to be met.
- Review of Statement of Licensing Principles -Gambling Act 2005 – No guidance from the Gambling Commission had been received so this had not progressed.
- Council Responsibilities to Taxi Drivers - The Licensing Manager advised that a briefing note would be sent to all Committee Members instead of a report to committee.

Committee Briefings and Training Sessions 2025

The Licensing Manager confirmed that all training sessions had been completed. Members of the Committee were asked to contact the Clerk should they have any future training requirements or areas which they would like more information on, and this would be scheduled to take place following the the end of the September meeting.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the Forward Plan be noted.

The meeting ended at 10.27 am

CHAIRMAN