
The FLOSM explained that Harrogate Borough Council introduced the Statement in 2007 and was required by law to review it every three years. The review in 2015 had
resulted in several changes to the Statement and as such only minor amendments had been suggested for the 2019-2021 version. A public consultation had taken place based on the proposed updates and amendments had been made as a result.

In response to questions from Members the FLOSM explained that the legislation regarding fixed odds betting terminals was controlled by the government and that any changes made by the government would automatically come into effect without the need for action from the licensing authority. Members were also informed that amusement arcades were generally good at self-regulation and that the licensing team had no concerns regarding that area of gambling.

RECOMMENDED:


(Nine Members voted for the motion and there was one abstention)

15/18 – REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES LICENCES, PERMITS AND REGISTRATIONS 2019/20 INCLUDING THE HIGH HEDGE COMPLAINTS FEE: The Food, Licensing and Occupational Safety Manager (FLOSM) submitted a written report for Safer Communities discretionary charges for 2019/20 and the fee for dealing with the high hedge complaints that fell under the Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee. The proposed fees and charges detailed in Appendix A included an increase of no less than 2.5% in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy that was approved by Cabinet in July 2018. The proposed fees and charges for High Hedge complaints also included an increase of 2.5%. The Licensing Committee had the authority to set the high hedge complaints fee but the administrative function sat with the place shaping service as opposed to the licensing service. Appendix B contained the new licence fees relating to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 that were to be implemented on 1 January 2019. It was noted that the fees in connection with scrap metal dealers would be approved by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities and were before the Licensing Committee for comment.

The FLOSM informed the Committee that a separate report on caravan sites would be brought to the January Licensing Committee meeting. This was due to on-going work that aimed to implement similar procedures as those used for animal welfare on caravan sites.

RECOMMENDED (UNANIMOUSLY):

That  (1) the revised licence fees for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix A be approved;

(2) the new licence fees relating to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals)(England) Regulations in Appendix B be implemented on 1 January 2019;
(3) the Licensing Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities that the proposed fees in relation to scrap metal licences be approved; and

(4) the fee for high hedge complaints be increased to £385.

(5.38 pm – 5.45 pm)