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Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Tuesday 30 May 2023 at 5.30 pm when the following business will be transacted.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Democratic Services on (01304) 872305 or by e-mail at [democraticservices@dover.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@dover.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Smith", written over a white background.

Chief Executive

Licensing Committee Membership:

J S Back  
D G Beaney  
S B Blair  
P M Brivio  
D G Cronk  
M F Hibbert  
S Hill  
J P Loffman

S C Manion  
M W Moorhouse  
D P Murphy  
D J Parks  
M P Porter  
O C de R Richardson  
H M Williams

AGENDA

1 **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN**

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

3 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

4 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

To note appointments of Substitute Members.

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 3)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

6 **MINUTES** (Page 4)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 March 2023.

7 **LICENSING ACT 2003 AND GAMBLING ACT 2005 - APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN OF SUB-COMMITTEES**  
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To consider the attached report of the Strategic Director (Corporate & Regulatory).

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Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

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Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 at 5.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor T A Bond

Councillors: P D Jull  
M Bates  
N J Collor  
D G Cronk  
M F Hibbert  
C D Zosseder

Officers: Democratic Services Officer

14 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P M Brivio and R S Walkden.

15 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 October 2022 were approved as a correct record for signing by the Chairman.

18 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 29 November 2022 were received and noted.

The meeting ended at 5.31 pm.

**Subject:** LICENSING ACT 2003 AND GAMBLING ACT 2005 – APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN OF SUB-COMMITTEES

**Meeting and Date:** Licensing Committee – 30 May 2023

**Report of:** Strategic Director (Corporate & Regulatory)

**Classification:** UNRESTRICTED

**Purpose of the report:** To appoint Licensing sub-committees to hear applications for licences, variation of licences and applications for review of licences.

**Recommendation:** That the Licensing Committee appoints 5 sub-committees together with a chairman for each sub-committee for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.

## 1. Summary

The Licensing Act 2003 makes provision (under section 9) for the establishment by the Licensing Committee of sub-committees consisting of 3 Members to discharge its functions.

## 2. Introduction and Background

2.1 As in previous years and in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 this Council, as the Licensing Authority, is required to appoint sub-committees to hear applications for licences, variation of licences and applications for review of licences. As the Licensing Committee is composed of 15 Members, this requires the establishment of 5 sub-committees if all members of the Licensing Committee are to be allocated a seat on a sub-committee.

2.2 The sub-committees are set up in such a way as to, whenever possible, ensure that licence applications are not considered by Members representing the Ward in question and thereby to avoid any conflict of interests. In addition, married couples will not be appointed to serve on the same sub-committee in accordance with advice previously given by the Solicitor to the Council.

2.3 In the year 2022/23 the 5 sub-committees (and its chairmen) were as follows:

|   |                       |   |               |
|---|-----------------------|---|---------------|
| A | T A Bond (Chairman)   | D G Cronk   | P D Jull      |
| B | D P Murphy (Chairman) | M F Hibbert   | M Bates       |
| C | D Hannent (Chairman)  | K Mills   | C D Zossedder |
| D | N J Collor (Chairman) | D G Beaney  | S C Manion    |
| E | P M Brivio (Chairman) | J P Haste (E A Biggs replaced J P Haste on 25 January 2023) | R S Walkden   |

- 2.4 In forming the sub-committees, it should be noted that political balance requirements do not apply.
- 2.5 The Licensing Committee membership was set at the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2023.
- 2.6 The suggested sub-committees for 2023/24 are:

|   |             |                     |               |
|---|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
| A | J P Loffman | H M Williams        | D P Murphy    |
| B | D G Cronk   | S B Blair           | D J Parks     |
| C | P M Brivio  | S Hill              | M F Hibbert   |
| D | D G Beaney  | O C de R Richardson | J S Back      |
| E | M P Porter  | S C Manion          | M W Moorhouse |

- 2.7 There have been no suggestions for sub-committee chairmanships made as part of this report as this is a matter for the Licensing Committee to determine.

### **Substitute Rules**

- 2.8 The Licensing Committee is responsible for making its own operating arrangements (within the confines of the Licensing Act) and at its meeting held on 25 May 2016 adopted arrangements for the appointment of substitutes. These arrangements reflect the lack of political balance requirements for the Licensing sub-committees and have operated effectively.
- 2.9 The substitute members for the Licensing sub-committees must be drawn from the 15 Members of the Licensing Committee as appointed by the full Council.
- 2.10 The Democratic Services Officer will work with Members where substitutes are required to ensure that a quorum of Members is present at a Licensing sub-committee meeting.

### **3. Identification of Options**

- 3.1 The appointment of sub-committees by the Licensing Committee as specified in the Licensing Act 2003 provides for the efficient and effective discharge of its functions. The size of the Licensing sub-committees (3 members) is specified in s.9 of the Act. This is the recommended option.

### **4. Resource Implications**

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

### **5. Appendices**

None.

6. **Background Papers**

None.

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