

Present: Councillors Benstead (Chair), Bird (Vice-Chair), Austin, Bick, Meftah, O'Connell, O'Reilly, Pippas, Ratcliffe, Sinnott and Abbott

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

16/29/LIC LICENSING FEES

The Committee received a report from the Environmental Health Manager which set out the fees and charges for licences and associated items which were proposed to be made with effect from 1 April 2016 and would be submitted to Full Council to note on 25 February 2016.

The Committee asked the following questions in response to the report:

- i. At what stage were proposals formulated, did the original proposals come to the Licensing Committee.
- ii. Queried the inflation figure in paragraph 3.11 of the Officer's report.

In response to the Committee's questions, the Environmental Health Manager confirmed the following:

- i. Following the Westminster case, the licensing fee proposals are delegated to Officers to draft, Officers follow a formula approach and bring the final report to Licensing Committee for approval and to Council to note, this has been the case for the past two years.
- ii. The inflation figures were provided by the Finance Department.

Resolved by 7 votes to 0 to:

- i. Approve the level of fees and charges with effect from 1 April 2016, as set out in Appendix A and request officers to communicate the charges to the businesses, taxi trade and public.