

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**  
held on Monday, 4th November, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor R Kain (Vice-Chair)

Councillors H Faddes, A Heler, C Hilliard, J Pratt, J Priest, L Smetham and J Smith

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader  
Garry Coghlan, Legal Officer  
Karen Shuker, Democratic Services Officer

## **7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Dean and R Moreton.

## **8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **9 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no public speakers.

## **10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

## **11 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the following meetings of the Licensing Act Sub Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee be received.

### **Licensing Act Sub Committee**

22 May 2024  
24 May 2024

4 June 2024

## **Licensing Sub-Committee**

26 June 2024

6 August 2024

### **12 REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES**

The Committee considered a report which sought approval to increase the licensing fees and charges for the issuing and renewal of licenses, consents, and permits issued by the Licensing Team with effect from 1 April 2025.

Members noted that in respect of certain fees, there was a requirement to publicise any increases in a local newspaper. That would allow a period for any objections to be made. Any consultation responses would be considered, and the final fee payable may be amended, but any fees would not be greater than those set out in appendix 1 to the report.

New fees to come in next year included an amended DBS application fee and age classification for films.

It was noted that whilst some fees being increased were slightly above the inflation rate those were generally multi-year licenses so the license would be granted for 3 or 5 years.

#### **RESOLVED: Unanimously**

That the Licensing Committee:

1. Approved the fees set out in appendix 1 of the report.
2. Authorises the Licensing Team Leader to publish the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing fees in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions.
3. Delegates authority to the Head of Regulatory Services to consider any objections received and determine the final fees payable in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.08 pm

Councillor R Kain