

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 8th January, 2024 in the Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)

Councillors M Brooks, C Bulman, C Chapman, A Heler, J Place, J Pratt and
L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader
Gary Coghlan, Legal Services
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer

63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Kain and H
Faddes.

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

65 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

66 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2023 be approved as a
correct record.

67 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

To receive the minutes of the following meetings of the Licensing Act Sub-
Committee:

23 February 2023
13 April 2023
30 June 2023
9 August 2023

26 October 2023
17 November 2023

To receive the minutes of the following meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee:

12 October 2023

68 REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES REPORT 2024 - 2025

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 April 2024.

Some fees were set by statute or regulations, while others could be set by Local Authorities in order to cover the cost of administration, compliance and some elements of enforcement; Locally Set Fees. Where the Council had the discretion to set fees, they were subject to review by the Licensing Team and confirmation by the Licensing Committee. The Council was not able to make a profit from licensing fees and could not support the General Fund from licensing fees.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations set out in the Licensing Fees and Charges report, 2024 – 2025 be approved.

The meeting commenced at 2.01 pm and concluded at 2.25 pm

Councillor D Edwardes (Chair)