

PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 2 September 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Shakil Ahmed (Chair); Councillors Burke, Davidson, Susan Emmott, McCarthy, Mir, O'Neill, Rush, Sheerin, Sullivan, Taylor, Wazir, Donna Williams, Zaheer and Zaman.

OFFICERS: A. Truman (Development Manager – Economy Directorate), M. Atkinson-Smith (Planning Officer – Economy Directorate), J. Gilligan (Neighbourhoods Directorate), Z. Latif and M. Garraway (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Sara Rowbotham, 4 members of public

16 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM

The Chair advised that agenda item 8 - Long Lees Farm Cottage, Todmorden Road, Littleborough, OL14 6UR; was to be withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting.

17 MINUTES RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 2 September 2021 be approved as a correct record.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19 GM MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS FOR TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE - STAGE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Economy and Communication which detailed work undertaken to meet the requirements of Greater Manchester Authorities to collectively develop, approve and implement a common set of minimum licensing standards (MLS) for taxi and private hire services.

Alternatives considered

No alternatives were considered as Members supported the proposals to ensure public safety and protection.

RESOLVED

1. That the detail be noted of and reasons for the proposed standards for licensed drivers, licensed private hire operators and local authorities.
2. That the consultation responses received at both GM and Rochdale level, be noted.
3. That the comments and considerations for each standard in response to the consultation responses received be noted.
4. That the Planning and Licensing Committee advises Cabinet to approve the recommendations for each of the standards for licensed drivers, licensed private hire operators and local authorities.

5. That the Planning and Licensing Committee advises Cabinet to approve the implementation of the standards for licensed drivers, licensed private hire operators and local authorities with a go live date of 1 December 2021.

20 FRIENDSHIP INN, 14 CHEAPSIDE, MIDDLETON, M24 6DG

The Planning Officer presented submitted planning application 21/00752/FUL for the change of use of former public house (Sui Generis) to 8 bed HMO (Sui Generis) (Resubmission of 20/01311/FUL).

The Committee received representation from the agent for the applicant.

The Committee received representation from Ward Councillor Sara Rowbotham objecting to the application.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be approved subject to conditions as detailed within the submitted report.

21 PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of Planning set out details of planning appeals that had recently been determined by the Planning Inspectorate.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

22 LODGED PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee were informed of four appeals that had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate relating to a delegated decision in Middleton.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.