

Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	21 October 2013
Present	Councillors Boyce (Chair), Cuthbertson, Douglas, Gillies (Vice-Chair), Looker, McIlveen, Orrell, Richardson, Riches and Watt
Apologies	Councillors Funnell, Hyman, Horton, King and Taylor

6. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

7. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th September 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

8. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

9. Statement of Licensing Policy - Review of the Saturation and Cumulative Impact Zone.

Members considered a report which sought approval to formally consult on changes to the boundary of the Saturation and Cumulative Impact Zone (CIZ). This followed a request from North Yorkshire Police to review the current boundary based on changing patterns of crime and disorder and public nuisance in the City Centre.

The Licensing Manager outlined the report in particular that the area currently included in the CIZ would not be changing as it is

working well as it is. The boundary would be extended to include the Back Swinegate area which includes 54 licensed premises. In addition, Spurriergate which was being developed when the CIZ was originally introduced would also now be incorporated. The Police had also requested that off-sales for alcohol be included in the CIZ and it not be restricted to late night drink led entertainment premises. The Police had also asked Members' opinion on the inclusion of the Fossgate/Goodramgate area in order to future-proof the CIZ. This was due to the areas displaying similar warning signs as the Back Swinegate area did 3 years ago.

Chief Inspector Mark Henderson addressed the Committee. He advised that he had put in the request to extend the CIZ and that in hindsight the Back Swinegate area should of been included back in 2010. He advised that the extension was based on evidence but also Police knowledge and experience.

Members endorsed the inclusion of Fossgate/Goodramgate as in recent years, Members on both the Planning and Licensing Committees had seen more Licensed premises move into these areas, particularly into units which were previously used for retail.

The Vice-Chair of the Committee suggested that the Licensing Manager inform the Planning Department of the proposed extensions to the CIZ. This would enable the Planning Department to notify individuals making planning applications in the boundary area that the CIZ is out for consultation. It was confirmed that the planning department would be notified as well as being one of the consultees.

- Resolved: (i) That Members approved Option 1 and instructed Officers to consult on the proposals to amend the boundary of the Cumulative Impact Zone, based on evidence and supporting information provided in relation to the Back Swinegate and Spurriergate areas.
- (ii) That Members endorsed future proofing the zone in relation to Goodramgate and Fossgate areas following the receipt of further information from the Police.

- (ii) That Members noted that the results of the consultation would be reported back to the committee.

Reason: To assist with the effective implementation of the Licensing Act 2003 in the city and contribute to the reduction of alcohol related crime and disorder in the city centre.

Councillor Boyce, Chair
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.30 pm].