

9 SEPTEMBER 2016

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held in Council Chamber, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 9 September 2016

- * Cllr S J Clarke (Chairman)
- * Cllr L R Puttock (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * G C Beck
- * G R Blunden
- * Ms L C Ford
- * R L Frampton
- * A T Glass
- * L E Harris
- J M Olliff-Cooper

Councillors:

- A K Penson
- * D N Tungate
- A S Wade
- * Mrs C V Ward
- J G Ward
- Mrs P A Wyeth

*Present

Officers Attending:

Mrs J McClay, G Nunn, Ms M Stephens and S Stone

Apologies:

Cllr Penson

7 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with an agenda item.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

10 WELCOME TO NEW SERVICE MANAGER

Members welcomed Joanne McClay, Environment and Regulation Service Manager to her first meeting of the Committee.

11 HEALTH AND SAFETY INTERVENTION PLAN 2016-17

The Committee considered the proposed Health and Safety Intervention Plan for the coming year. The plan reviewed the work of the service for the previous year and proposed a full range of work for the year ahead.

Members made a number of comments for consideration when taking the Plan forward, including the following: -

- Table 2 – National Priorities/Planned Interventions – members requested that guidance information be sent to local sports clubs, outside of their sporting season, to advise on the benefits of maintaining shower heads in order to prevent the spread of legionella infection. Officers agreed to action this request and would also circulate information to local Town and Parish Council's.
- Table 3 - Local Priorities – swimming pools in hotels, members requested that this be widened to include holiday parks. The New Forest had a number of holiday parks and private leisure facilities with pools which should be included in the inspection process, given the large public throughput during the summer months. Officers agreed to take this forward.

In noting that the number of staff within the Environmental Health Commercial team had reduced since the last report, members queried whether the team were adequately resourced to manage workloads. The Environment and Regulation Service Manager replied that a review of the service would shortly be undertaken to examine in more detail work streams and resources needed in the context of making efficiency savings whilst maintaining an efficient and robust service. Members would be kept up to date with the progress of the review which would ensure that resources were focused in the appropriate areas.

Members were advised that should they wish to shadow Environmental Health Officers as part of a learning experience that they should first contact Democratic Services but should not be a routine arrangement.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Safety Intervention Plan for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved subject to the comments set out above.

12 DATES OF MEETINGS 2017/18**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee meets on the following dates in 2017/18 (all Fridays at 9.30 a.m.):-

- 9 June 2017
- 8 September 2017
- 10 November 2017
- 12 January 2018
- 9 March 2018

CHAIRMAN