

**Date:** Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 10.00 am

**Venue:** Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, The Square, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TU

**Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair)**  
**Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair)**

Cllr Marc Besford  
Cllr Robert Cook  
Cllr Clare Gamble  
Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy  
Cllr Andrew Sherris  
Cllr Marilyn Surtees

Cllr Diane Clarke OBE  
Cllr Jason French  
Cllr Elsi Hampton  
Cllr Susan Scott  
Cllr Hugo Stratton  
Cllr Hilary Vickers

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**  
  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023. (Pages 9 - 10)
- 5 Exclusion of the Public**
- 6 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER APPLICATION - 156614** (Pages 11 - 32)
- 7 Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver – 140045** (Pages 33 - 98)

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**KEY - Declarable interests are:-**

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

**Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance**



**Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Subject	Description
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
<b>Contracts</b>	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
<b>Land and property</b>	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
<b>Licences</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
<b>Securities</b>	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
  - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
  - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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## **Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library** **Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping**

If the fire or bomb alarm should sound please exit by the nearest emergency exit. The Fire alarm is a continuous ring and the Bomb alarm is the same as the fire alarm however it is an intermittent ring.

If the Fire Alarm rings exit through the nearest available emergency exit and form up in Municipal Buildings Car Park.

The assembly point for everyone if the Bomb alarm is sounded is the car park at the rear of Splash on Church Road.

The emergency exits are located via the doors between the 2 projector screens. The key coded emergency exit door will automatically disengage when the alarm sounds.

The Toilets are located on the Ground floor corridor of Municipal Buildings next to the emergency exit. Both the ladies and gents toilets are located on the right hand side.

### **Microphones**

During the meeting, members of the Committee, and officers in attendance, will have access to a microphone. Please use the microphones, when directed to speak by the Chair, to ensure you are heard by the Committee.

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## GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of General Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday 14 November 2023.

**Present:** Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair), Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Susan Scott, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Hugo Stratton, Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Hilary Vickers and Cllr Marcus Vickers.

**Officers:** John Devine, Natalie Hodgson (DoCS), Polly Edwards and Leanne Maloney-Kelly (DoAH&W).

**Also in attendance:**

**Apologies:** Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Clare Gamble and Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy.

### **GLC/22/23 Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

### **GLC/23/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **GLC/24/23 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the General Licensing Committee minutes from the meetings which were held on 8th August 2023 & 20th September 2023 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

### **GLC/25/23 CONSENT STREET TRADING POLICY REVIEW**

Members were asked to consider a report 'Consent Street Trading Policy Review', which informed the General Licensing Committee of the statutory public consultation carried out to review the current policy and the proposal to designate the whole Borough as a consent area for the purposes of consent street trading.

Officers noted that it had been identified during the COVID pandemic that the policy which Stockton Brough Council had in place was no longer fit for purpose.

Under the current policy only some streets were categorised as 'Consent Streets' or Prohibited Streets. Officers explained that this left the rest of the Borough in a grey area, and therefore this policy review would make the whole of the Stockton Borough Council area consent areas for the purposes of street trading.

A public consultation had taken place with the responses being mixed of both positive and negative opinions of the proposed policy change. Concerns around fundraising, Schools and Voluntary Sector charity work were noted by Officers. and had influenced a second draft of the proposed policy.

Officers amended the proposed policy to state that charities and recognised associations or non-profit organisations would be exempt under the new draft policy.

The proposed policy would be presented to Cabinet and Council in January 2024 with Officers expecting the policy to be ready for implementation by March 2024, with a review to be undertaken within 18 months.

RESOLVED that:

1. Members comments be received
2. that the report be noted.

# Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1,2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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