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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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1 October 2020

7.00 pm – 9.15 pm

Remote Meeting

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)

Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Gordon Craig

Councillor Jim Dewey

Councillor John Jones

Councillor Darren Loftus

P = Present A = Absent

P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Communities

Principal Licensing Officer

Senior Community Services Officer

Head of Community Services

Senior Democratic Services and Elections Officer

Others in Attendance

Chris Brierley Deputy Police Crime Commissioner

Paul Cruise Neighbourhood Police Inspector

Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillor Doina Cornell, Councillor Mattie Ross and Councillor Steve Lydon.

CSLC.013

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Loftus and Reed.

CSLC.014

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CSLC.015

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020 are approved as a correct record.

CSLC.016**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CSLC.017**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ANNUAL UPDATE**

Chris Brierley, Deputy Police Crime Commissioner, provided an update which focussed on four key themes; Safer Gloucestershire, Black Lives Matter, COVID 19 and a Refresh of the Police and Crime Plan. The annual report for Safer Gloucestershire included reference to; Domestic Homicide Reviews and the positive co-ordination between partner organisations, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and the establishment of a dedicated ASB hotline. In response to a question from Members about drugs, it was acknowledged that 'County Lines' were still a problem but the number of gangs in Gloucestershire had been reduced.

The review of the Police and Crime Plan carried the message that 'Every Crime Matters', every contact made and every victim counts. Members questioned the effectiveness of the 101 telephone line. It was accepted that there were problems with the line, with many calls being made to the Police when they should have been raised with other agencies.

Black Lives Matter had made an impact on the Police and Crime Commissioner, the force was on target to meet its 'uplift' for recruits from BAMES Communities and the force was seeking to involve more representatives from minority ethnic groups. Concern was raised about the number of stop and search incidents involving BAME communities. Chris Brierley informed members that the numbers had reduced but were still too high.

Touching briefly on COVID 19 and the 'rule of six', Chris Brierley reported that the Police had performed a very good role; depending on how the public reacted there may be a need for officers to reinforce the rule.

CSLC.018**MEMBER REPORTS****(a) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

The member report from Councillor Lydon had been circulated prior to Committee. Councillor Lydon provided an overview of his report and advised that a new group had been established the Local Operations Management Engagement Board following the outbreak of COVID 19. The Board would be looking at outbreaks at dealing with communications to the local community. The South West had seen the lowest R number in England in respect of COVID but Gloucestershire was the highest in the South West; this was partly due to the close proximity to the west Midlands and Oxfordshire. The demand for GP and Accident and Emergency services had been increasing. There were however continuing issues of patients not being able to meet GPs face to face. People were also being encouraged to use the telephone 111 service for non-urgent conditions before going to A&E. In response to a question from Councillor Oxley asking about health inequalities within BAME Groups, Councillor Lydon advised that a report on the issues would be presented to the next meeting.

CSLC.019**REVIEW OF STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPROVAL OF FINAL DRAFT FOLLOWING CONSULTATION**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee and advised Members that the policy had been looked at earlier in the year and that comments made at the time had been incorporated into the report. The Policy would be presented to Council for approval.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED **To Approve the Final Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Appendix B) and recommend adoption by Council.**

CSLC.020**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER – PROHIBITING ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PLACES**

The Senior Community Services Officer presented the report to Committee. Members were advised that the Order for Stroud Town Centre and Dursley was due to expire in October 2020 and the report was seeking to extend the order for three years until October 23rd 2023.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED **To note the extension to the existing Public Space Protection Orders relating to prohibiting alcohol consumption in designated places in Stroud and Dursley for an extension of 3 years – 20th October 2023.**

CSLC.021**COMMISSIONING OF STRATEGY FOR LEISURE AND WELLBEING PROVISION IN STROUD DISTRICT**

The Strategic Director of Communities presented the report to Committee which sought Member approval to commence a tender process for the commissioning of specialists to produce a strategy for Leisure and Wellbeing in the Stroud District and to address the future of community leisure facilities. In Summary the requirement was for a draft strategy to present recommendations for;

- A clear overarching framework for the future provision of community leisure in the district to meet the needs of the population
- Options for the future of Stratford Park Leisure Centre and the Pulse Leisure Centre
- The Creation of a vision for the future of the leisure, recreation, culture and health and wellbeing in Stratford Park as a whole
- Management arrangements for leisure service delivery at the district's principal leisure facilities including an options appraisal.

Members welcomed the report and suggested a few amendments to the document which included; the options for the input of the Youth Forum, the recognition of Berkley and Cainscross within the framework of small towns and villages, and the impact of climate change and the environmental considerations.

The Chair thanked officers for the report which was a major focus on leisure within the district.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To approve the tender brief to commission industry experts to carry out a review, make recommendations and produce a draft Strategy for Leisure in Stroud District.**
 - b) **To DELEGATE authority to the Strategic Director of Communities in consultation with the Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee, to oversee the commissioning of suitably qualified expertise to undertake the works and report back to this committee on progress and bring the final draft strategy to this committee.**

CSLC.022 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Members approved the list of appointments and Councillor Steve Robinson agreed to be the representative to Stroud CAB. Councillor Jim Dewey agreed to be the substitute to the Stroud District Council health and Wellbeing partnership and he confirmed that he would speak to Councillor Norman Kay.

The Chair recommended that the position of the vacancy at Stroud Fringe should wait until the review of grants and outside bodies had been carried out.

CSLC.023 MEMBER REPORTS

(b) Museum in the Park

Councillor Nigel Prenter had circulated a report, there were no further questions raised.

(c) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Steve Robinson had attended the meeting; one of the main concerns was the number of cases waiting to go to court, in an attempt to increase the cases being dealt with Cirencester Magistrates Court had been reopened. The amount of time that Police Officers spend on Mental Health Issues continues to be a problem and diverts attention on crime issues. A mental health car works at weekends and evenings with a police officer and mental health nurse to respond to incidents.

(d) Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

Councillor Gordon Craig advised that no meeting had been held

(e) Stroud Citizens Advice

Councillor Gordon Craig had now become a Trustee at the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). He had been very impressed with the work that was being undertaken. Stroud District Council area accounts for two thirds of the amount of cases, the majority of which is benefit advice. The service also covers the Cotswold District Council area. The CAB is in the process of recruiting two workers to support people going to foodbanks. Their role will be to work with people who use foodbanks and help to identify the underlying problems. He commented on the dedication of the staff at the CAB and highlighted the support line telephone number 808 800 0510.

(f) Performance Monitoring

The Chair commented on a very full report, Members commended all the officers for the fantastic work undertaken during the lockdown. Councillor Prenter highlighted the work to

support for young people through the Youth Forum, Youth Council and the classes provided by the Pulse. He also highlighted the support by many officers across a range of district council services.

The Chair supported the report and echoed the comments about the dedication of employees during the pandemic and their commitment to support residents in the district

Councillor Mattie Ross thanked Councillor Prenter for the report and reminded Members that the input to performance monitoring reports for all committees should include comments from the Youth Council and Youth Forums, the Head of Community Services agreed that he would follow up regarding the Youth Council and access to performance monitoring meetings.

CSLC.024

WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair noted that the programme did not include regular updates on the review of Leisure Services and asked that this be added to the work programme.

CSLC.025

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Councillor Mattie Ross for all the work and leadership she had previously given to the Committee as Chair.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chair