

	<p>Councillor Dick Skidmore noted that the Glastonbury festival license had recently been varied to increase the number of attendees by 3.4%, which would equate to a further 7,000 people. Cllr Skidmore noted that this variation had been sought in order to avoid an increase in the ticket price. He further remarked that these additional 7,000 attendees would travel via public transport, increasing pressure on local infrastructure. Cllr Skidmore commented that that Members should have been informed of this change to the license.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer explained that an application to vary the festival's license was served to the Parish Council and all responsible authorities. The Ward Councillor had received a copy of the application, and due process had been followed. The Licensing Officer noted that two objections had been raised by Mendip Officers acting as a Responsible Authority, one regarding noise, and another concerning public safety. Following discussions with the licensee, these objections had been withdrawn as the Officers felt that their concerns had been addressed. One objection had been registered by a member of the public, and steps had been taken to arrange a Licensing Board Sub-Committee in line with current policy. Officers explained to the objector that they were under no obligation to enter mediation with the applicant, however if they chose to do so it was strongly suggested that Officers should be present. Against Officer advice, the objector had chosen to meet with a representative of the applicant independently. Following this meeting, the objector had withdrawn their representation. As there were no objections to the application, there had been no need to hold a Sub-Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Skidmore expressed surprise that the matter had not been brought to the attention of the Licensing Board, given the high profile of the festival. The Licensing Officer explained that the matter could not legally be raised at a sub-Committee where no representations had been received. Any decision taken by the Licensing Board in these circumstances would be ultra vires.</p> <p>The Chair noted that Officers had followed due process, but noted Cllr Skidmore's suggestion that changes to the Glastonbury Festival license should require an update to the Licensing Board.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer noted that any Members who</p>	
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	<p>offered an opinion on an application would not be eligible to sit on a Licensing Board sub-Committee that considered the application. He also explained that the Police had been made aware of the application and had ample time to object or make comments.</p> <p>The Chair noted Members' comments, and the suggestion that a motion be raised at Full Council ensuring that the Licensing Board was informed of any variation (with the exception of minor variations) to the license.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer explained that such a motion could be passed by the Licensing Board, as the Board was responsible for all licensing matters. He noted however, that clear wording would be required to ensure that such a requirement only applied to the Glastonbury Festival license.</p>	
5	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 1 August 2018 were agreed.</p>	Ben Sugg
6	<p>Approval of licence fees under the licensing of activities involving animals regime</p> <p>The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals, England) Regulations 2018 was due to come into force on 1 October 2018.</p> <p>The Regulations would create a new licensing regime called the Licensing of Activities Involving Animals, which would regulate the following activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selling Animals as Pets • Providing or Arranging for the Provision of Boarding for Cats or Dogs • Hiring Out Horses • Breeding Dogs • Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition <p>The Council may charge such fees as it considered necessary for:-</p> <p>(a) the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence including any inspection relating to that</p>	Jason Kirkwood

	<p>consideration, and for the grant, renewal or variation,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) the reasonable anticipated costs of consideration of a licence holder's compliance with these Regulations and the licence conditions to which the licence holder is subject in circumstances other than those described in sub-paragraph (a) including any inspection relating to that consideration, (c) the reasonable anticipated costs of enforcement in relation to any licensable activity of an unlicensed operator, and (d) the reasonable anticipated costs of the provision of information to the Secretary of State. <p>The fee charged for the consideration of an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a licence and for any inspection relating to that consideration must not exceed the reasonable costs of that consideration and related inspection(s).</p> <p>This report sought approval for the schedule of licence fees and charges under this regime.</p> <p>In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Officer explained that an authorised inspector was defined as an Officer who had taken the relevant City & Guilds exam, or had carried out these visits for a year or more. Allowing qualification by prior experience of undertaking these visits was intended as a transitional measure, which would remain in place until 2021.</p> <p>In response to further questions from Members, the Licensing Officer explained that dog day care was within the scope of the new legislation. However, the current understanding was that dog groomers would not require a license, unless they were providing boarding services.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer explained that the scope of the legislation had been widened, and the legislation was aimed primarily at businesses. A £1,000 per annum trading threshold had been set, over which Officers would consider whether individuals were operating as a business. He asked that Members direct enquiries to Licensing Officers, rather than answer them directly. The Licensing Officer estimated that the team would be</p>	
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	<p>occupied with registering new licensees for three to six months after the introduction of the new legislation, after which the focus could be shifted to enforcement.</p> <p>In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Officer explained that a new IT system would be implemented in 2019, however no date had been fixed.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer noted that fees would be reviewed over a three year period, and adjusted in line with actual costs if necessary. He explained that an increase in workload was predicted, and management would consider staffing requirements accordingly.</p> <p>The Licensing Officer asked that delegated authority be granted to amend the fee schedule prior to its submission to Cabinet. It was determined that Councillors John Greenhalgh and David van Dyke would review any changes.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To recommend that Cabinet approve the schedule of fees set out in the report on behalf of the Council, to take effect immediately following the meeting on 17 September 2018.</p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to ratify the schedule of fees and charges.</p>	
7	<p>Urgent Business</p> <p>None.</p>	

The meeting finished at approximately 8.00 pm.