

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b><u>THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL</u></b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><u>SPECIAL STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE – 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019</u></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b><u>LEADERSHIP AND DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT OFFICER</u></b>

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR B. SUMMERS (CHAIR)

Councillors D. Bevan  
D. Hancock  
W. Hodgins  
J. P. Morgan  
K. Pritchard  
K. Rowson  
T. Smith  
B. Thomas  
D. Wilkshire  
B. Willis

WITH: L. Griffin – Team Manager – Licensing & Commercial  
H. Jones – Senior Licensing Officer  
M. Woodland – Solicitor

**DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>SUBJECT</u></b>	<b><u>ACTION</u></b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	

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<b>No. 2</b>	<p data-bbox="325 327 552 365"><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="325 412 1051 450">Apologies for absence were received from:-</p> <p data-bbox="325 497 1114 577">Councillors G.L. Davies, M. Moore, G. Thomas, D. Wilkshire and L. Winnett.</p>	
<b>No. 3</b>	<p data-bbox="325 629 1238 667"><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST &amp; DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="325 714 1278 795">There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.</p>	
<b>No. 4</b>	<p data-bbox="325 844 1238 882"><b><u>ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 – 2019/2020</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="325 929 1278 1010">Consideration was given to the report of the Team Manager – Licensing and Commercial.</p> <p data-bbox="325 1057 1278 1361">The Team Manager – Licensing and Commercial noted the report which provided an update on the work of the Licensing Team for the Quarter 1. The Team Manager referred to the Operational Report and advised that the implementation and enforcement of the Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) Wales Act had been delayed until spring 2020.</p> <p data-bbox="325 1408 1278 1736">In terms of the Management Report, the Team Manager informed Members that the Policy in respect of the Licensing Act 2003 was due to be reviewed and the Licensing Team was working with colleagues in other authorities across Gwent at present and at the appropriate time the policy would be presented to Committee. The consultation and review would take place next year to be in place by January 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="325 1783 1278 2024">A Member referred to the recent termination of the collaboration arrangements between Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent and asked if the Authority had plans to look to work with another authority. The Member also asked how the decision would affect the current budget situation.</p>	

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	<p>The Team Manager – Licensing and Commercial informed that she was not in a position to provide a response to this issue and agreed to pass the questions to Service Manager – Public Protection in order for a response to be provided.</p> <p>The Member felt that as a Licensing Committee Member we should be informed of such decisions as it was unfortunate he had been informed by a press article.</p> <p>Following discussions it was agreed the questions would be passed to Service Manager – Public Protection in order for a response to be provided.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED, subject to the foregoing, that the report be accepted and the information contained therein be noted.</p>	<p><b>L. Griffin/ D. Thomspson</b></p>