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MEETING:	Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 23 October 2019
TIME:	2.30 pm (or at the conclusion of the General Licensing Regulatory Board whichever is the later)
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

1 Declaration of Interests

To receive any declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest from Members in respect of items on this agenda.

2 Minutes (*Pages 3 - 4*)

To accept as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September, 2019.

3 Enforcement Update (*Pages 5 - 8*)

The Service Director Legal Services will submit a report providing Members with an overview of the work Licensing Enforcement Officers have undertaken recently.

To: Chair and Members of Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board:-

Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, A. Cave, Cherryholme, Franklin, Green, Daniel Griffin, W. Johnson, Kitching, Saunders, Shepherd, Sumner, Tattersall, Williams and Wilson

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Tuesday, 15 October 2019

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MEETING:	Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
TIME:	3.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Wraith MBE (Chair), P. Birkinshaw, Green, W. Johnson, Kitching, Saunders, Shepherd, Tattersall, Williams and Wilson

4 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Members in respect of items on the agenda.

5 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June, 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

6 Enforcement Update

AOB The Service Director Legal Services provided an overview of the work of Licensing Enforcement Officers undertaken recently in relation to the Licensing Act 2003.

Since June 2019, 1128 requests for service had been received by the Licensing Section predominantly from members of the public but also from licensees, private hire and hackney carriage drivers and operators and scrap metal dealers.

(a) Premises License Inspections

Since August 2019 Licensing Officers had inspected 25 licensed premises throughout the Borough to ensure that there was appropriate compliance with the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of their premises license and any conditions attached to the licence.

Of the 25 premises inspected, 7 were found to have insufficient documentation including failure to display premises licence, missing training records and refusal logs. Officers were continually working with them to ensure their compliance going forward.

(b) Immigration Checks in Licensed Premises

Licensing Officers in collaboration with Home Office and Immigration Enforcement Officers, inspected 7 licensed premises across the Borough during August 2019.

Of the 7 premises inspected, 6 were found to be lacking in compliance under the Licensing Act 2003. Most of which were the failure to display the premise licence or incorrectly named licensee displayed. Enforcement officers were working with them to rectify any faults found and ensure a good understanding of the legislation to maintain their compliance.

Members were informed that further joint enforcement operations would continue to take place with various agencies including SY Police, The Immigration Service and Trading Standards.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) that the Board place on record their thanks and appreciation to all those involved in enforcement activities and continually working with premises ensuring a good understanding and compliance with Legislation;
- (ii) that update reports on all enforcement activity continue to be submitted to the Regulatory Board on a regular basis.

Chair

Item 3

**Report of the Service Director Legal Services
to the Statutory Licensing Regulatory Board
to be held on the 23 October 2019**

ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report, is to provide Members with an overview of the work Licensing Enforcement Officers have undertaken to date.

2. Background

Members are minded to note, that Licensing Enforcement Officers have continued to proactively embark on a number of licensing enforcement operations. A summary of enforcement operations undertaken are detailed below.

3. Current Position

Best Bar None Awards

On the 2 October 2019 local businesses joined Councillor Charlie Wraith MBE and the Mayor to celebrate the Best Bar None Awards.

Best Bar None was launched in Manchester in 2003 and is supported by the Home Office and the drinks industry. It aimed primarily aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises and to drive improvements in the evening and night-time economy.

Best Bar None is an important part of the council's strategy to create a fantastic evening and night time economy in the town centre. Everyone has a role to play in creating a safe and clean environment for people to visit.

Venues' involvement in Best Bar None will provide Barnsley with a vibrant town centre where people who visit know they will have a great time and be well looked after.

The process of becoming a Best Bar None accredited venue is not an easy one. It takes time and effort from both an assessor and venue perspective. A venue must meet over 60 standards providing evidence against each one, but the benefits are significant.

The winners of the Best Bar None Awards were as follows:

The Best Bar Award went to The Garrison, a venue which demonstrated a strong commitment to improving their standards, showing enthusiasm towards delivering their services to the highest possible standards.

The Best Late Night Venue was awarded to Che Bar & Coco, which went above and beyond the standard criteria for the best bar none accreditation. This venue has good measures in place to try to ensure public safety both inside and outside of the premises and is well managed.

The Best Pub From a National Company is a new award for this year's scheme due to the increase in venue participation. It was won by The White Bear, whose policies and procedures cover every aspect expected within the Best Bar None scheme. Assessors found that policies look after both customers and staff.

The Best Newcomer award was picked up by Pavilion, a venue which judges recognised has assisted in raising the standards in the top end of town and as such other smaller venues have followed.

The award for Most Improved Venue is another new award this year and is in place to give recognition to those venues that have significantly improved on their previous assessment. It was won by Soul Lounge.

Picking up the award for Best Dining Experience was Favela, who worked extremely hard to develop policies and train staff for accreditation. Judges found them to have a great customer focus and family offer.

The People's Choice Award gave those who use our night-time economy the chance to vote for their favourite venue in the town centre. All venues accredited as a Best Bar None venue were nominated for this award and votes were gathered through an online survey that was circulated widely. This year saw an outstanding response with 2,116 votes for our town centre venues. The winner was The Garrison.

In another new category, the Special Recognition award was presented to the Craft Union Pub Company, which operates three accredited venues in the Best Bar None scheme – The Mount, Corner Pin, and Shakespeare - all of which scored consistently high with assessors.

Finally, the Overall Winner went to The White Bear, for the huge effort that the manager and staff make in ensuring this is a well-managed, safe establishment. Judges found that it achieves the very highest standards of operation, including a Safeguarding Champions system.

8. Proposal

Proactive enforcement operations will continue to take place on a regular basis and Officers will continue to support licensed premises to be compliant with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

8. Background Papers

Enforcement Officer Reports which contain exempt information are not available for public inspection

10. Officer Contact

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