

Councillor Gareth Jones (Mayor)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

C A Baron	R A James
J A Barron	P W Jones
R J Barron	W J Kemp
F Beatty	R Kenney
A R G Brown	P A Leason
R P Cooke	A M Loughran
A G Cooper	B McKeown
B M Cross	A Nixon
M G Dodson	J A Nixon
P M M Farrington	L Nixon
I D Fordham	G P K Pardesi
A T A Godfrey	A N Pearce
M Green	J M Pert
A S Harp	M Phillips
A D Hobbs	J K Price
D Holbrook-Summers	R M Smith
M V Holmes	R M Sutherland
J Hood	C V Trowbridge

Officers in attendance:-

Mr T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr R Simpson	-	Head of Operations
Mr W Conaghan	-	Press and Communication Manager
Mr J Dean	-	Democratic Services Officer

**C63 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

**C64 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A P Edgeller.

**C65 Waiver of 6 Month Councillor Attendance Rule**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration.

The Leader of the Council introduced the report, noting paragraph 3.1 and 5.6 before concluding his comments by moving that the recommendation as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor A T A Godfrey.

The Leader of the Council detailed those arrangements in place for the holding of virtual Committee meetings which had allowed the business of the Council to continue. The efforts of Officers in facilitating remote meetings was commended.

Members then voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that having regard to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the requirements of section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 be waived until 31st October 2020 for all Members.

#### **C66 Urgent Business**

The Mayor had considered that the following item contained urgent business in accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, because the Council would need to authorise Officers to carry out functions in relation to legislation that had now been brought into force.

#### **C67 New Pavement Licensing Scheme**

Considered the report of the Head of Operations.

The Cabinet Member - Environment Portfolio, introduced the report highlighting the importance of Council support to businesses in the hospitality sector and the local economy as a whole. Councillor Price concluded his comments by moving that the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 be approved.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor A S Harp.

Arising from the debate, Councillor Price clarified the arrangements for operating the proposed scheme, as set out in section 5 of the report.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that:- (a) delegated power be given to the Head of Operations to determine applications for licences under this legislation;

- (b) the Head of Operations delegate the power to determine applications for licences under this legislation to other Officers in the Operations Service who have suitable knowledge, qualifications and experience of licensing regimes;
- (c) the Head of Operations be authorised to produce policies and procedures for the issuing of Pavement Licences;
- (d) the fee for the granting of a Pavement Licence be set at £100.

MAYOR