

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16th January 2017.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, L Cockfield, L Iddon, B Bates, L Deakin, P A Pemberton and S Quinn.

SA 59/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, B Stoker, J Miller, J G Huntington and J Gash.

SA 60/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 61/16 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members that due to sickness absence the Civic Hall Report for the month of December could not be produced at the meeting and advised that the report would be distributed as soon as it was finalised.

Recommended that the oral report of the Town Clerk be received.

SA 62/16 Civic Hall

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided an update on the festive trading period and advised that overall, trading was very good with wet sales exceeding expectations. However, due to low ticket sales for the 60's party night and New Years Eve event, there was a loss in food income.

Members were also advised that Heineken UK would be implementing a product price increase which will come into effect on Monday, 6th February 2017, resulting in a price increase of 5p per draught pint across all products.

Bottled beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks have also been subjected to varying increases in price from different suppliers and in light of these increases each product will be reviewed individually with the appropriate pricing increase as determined by the Civic Hall Manager.

Recommended that:

- a. the report of the Civic Hall Manager be noted.
- b. a price increase of 5p per draught pint across all draught products be implemented as of 2nd February 2017.
- c. a price increase of between 5p and 10p per unit for bottled beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks, be implemented as of 2nd February 2017.
- d. thanks be extended to the Civic Hall staff for their hard work during the Christmas period.

SA 63/16 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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Recommended that no comment be made on the following application:-

- a. Erection of raised terrace to front and single storey rear extension in place of existing off-shoot at 18 Vaughan Street, Shildon submitted by Mr Chris Clark.

SA 64/16 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

SA 65/16 Application for Licence to Occupy, 1st Floor Office Accommodation – Family Action

The Town Clerk informed Members of an application received from Family Action for a licence to occupy 1st floor office accommodation at the Council Offices, Shildon.

Recommended that letting the 1st floor office accommodation to Family Action at a rental of £1,520 per annum be confirmed and approved.

SA 66/16 Durham County Council : Operation ‘Spruce Up’

The Town Clerk provided Members with details of a pilot project which will be undertaken in each Area Action Partnership area over the next fourteen months called ‘Operation Spruce Up’.

The pilot project aims to refresh the appearance of main streets/centres of towns across the County. Members considered if they wanted to include Shildon in the pilot project or any extended scheme, and if so, which area was to be put forward for selection.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. Shildon be included in the pilot project and the area of New Shildon be put forward for selection.

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