

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 staffing shortages, in the short term, 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 verbal 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.

Members were also advised that Heineken UK would be implementing a product price increase which will come into effect on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

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- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Office Accommodation – Family Action

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

**Recommended** that the action of the Town Clerk in letting the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office accommodation, Council Offices, Shildon 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 to be undertaken in each Area Action Partnership area over the next fourteen months entitled ‘Operation Spruce Up’.

The pilot project aims to refresh the appearance of main streets/centres of towns across the County. A list of the provisional programme of settlements for the operation was provided to Members which identified Coundon as the settlement within the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP area. However, Members were advised that the Town Council could put a case forward for an operation in Shildon either as part of a pilot project or any extended scheme.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. the area of New Shildon be included in the pilot project or any extended Scheme.
- c. subject to Shildon being selected as part of the pilot project or any extended scheme, the Town Council would be willing to join with Durham County Council and other partner organisations to refresh the appearance of the area.

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