NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

Meeting: 16 November 2023

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee of all decisions taken by Authorised Officers of the Licensing Division, in relation to licenses; registrations; permits and consents, under the scheme of delegation.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 In August 2014 the Government introduced regulations which require the publication of decisions by officers for non-executive functions where they are for an authorisation, licence or where it affects the rights of an individual.
- 2.2 The adoption of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations in August 2014 changed the requirements placed on local authorities in regard to reporting decisions taken under delegated authority by Officers.
- 2.3 Prior to the new regulations, Officers were required only to produce a report on decisions taken under authority delegated to them under the Authority's Executive powers.
- 2.4 The requirement has now been extended all decisions, whether made by an officer or on behalf of another committee/sub-committee or joint committee, in which the Council participates. This applies where the decision has been delegated to an officer, either under a specific delegation or under a general authorisation.
- 2.5 A summary of all decisions made by officers for licences, registrations, permits and consents issued between 26 May 2023 to 5 November 2023, will be made available on the council's website. This information is available here.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 That the report be noted.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The report is for information only.

- 5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (E.G. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS ETC)
 - 5.1 None
- 6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (E.G. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, EVIRONMENTAL, RISK ETC)
 - 6.1 There is a requirement to publish decisions in accordance with regulations.
- 7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)
 - 7.1 None.
- 8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED
 - 8.1 None.
- 9. RECOMMENDATIONS
 - 9.1 That the report be noted.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: - CIVICA Reports