

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

Subject: BUSINESS AND PLANNING ACT 2020

Brief Statement of Subject Matter: The Business and Planning Bill, to promote economic recovery, was introduced in Parliament on 25 June with the intention that it would receive Royal Assent by 1 July 2020. Sections 1 to 10 of the Act introduce a regime of pavement licences for premises serving food and drink to seat and serve customers outdoors through temporary changes to Planning procedures and alcohol licensing. These will be issued by district councils, so that Worcestershire Regulatory Services [WRS] will manage the regime on behalf of the Council.

Even though the word "licence" is used throughout sections 1 to 10 of the 2020 Act, this is self-standing legislation and there is no provision in the Act that puts this matter within the remit of licensing committees.

WRS have worked at pace to draft a policy and procedure for the operation of the new legislation in Worcestershire, including local conditions and the application and fee process.

This document is appended to this decision, for adoption by the Council.

These measures intended to last until 30 September 2021.

Decision: To

- (1) **DELEGATE** the Council's functions in sections 1 to 10 of the Business and Planning Act 2020 to Worcestershire Regulatory Services [WRS];
- (2) **ADOPT** the appended policy and procedure for implementation by WRS; and
- (3) **AUTHORISE** the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to make any necessary amendments to the Service Level Agreement and other documents governing the Council's relationship with Worcestershire Regulatory Services, to reflect decisions at (1) and (2)

Date: 1 July 2020

Grounds for Urgency:

It is necessary to be ready to begin considering applications immediately the legislation receives Royal Assent, expected to be as early as 1 July 2020.

DECISION APPROVED BY:

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