

**Regulatory Subcommittee**  
**LEGAL HIGH RETAIL LOCATION POLICY**  
**MINUTES**

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Regulatory Subcommittee held in the Edinburgh Room, Municipal Chambers, The Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 25 March 2021, commencing at 1.32 pm

**PRESENT**

**Chairperson** Cr Andrew Whiley

**Members** Cr Marie Laufiso Cr Steve Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE** Simon Pickford (General Manager Community Services), Kevin Mechen (Secretary, District Licensing Committee) and Anne Gray (Policy Analyst)

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson

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**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Committee:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration

**Motion carried**

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

**Motion carried**

### PART A REPORTS

#### 4 RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF LEGAL HIGH RETAIL LOCATION POLICY

A report from Customer and Regulatory Services presented a summary of the six submissions received on the review of the Legal High Retail Location Policy to the Regulatory Subcommittee.

Of the six submissions, the majority (83%) agree overall with the existing policy. One submitter wished to be heard.

The General Manager Community Services (Simon Pickford) spoke to the report and provided additional information on the consultation undertaken noting that submission documents had been sent to more than 1,200 interested parties with only six submissions received.

#### 5 SUBMISSIONS

The Subcommittee gave consideration to the submissions. Mr Pickford responded to questions of clarification on points raised and the current site restricting legal high retailers to the Dunedin central city area.

There was a discussion on the area in which legal highs were currently available for purchase and the reasons for the inclusion of the View Street, Moray Place area.

The Subcommittee also noted that when the Policy was last approved, the bus hub was not operational and agreed that due to the large number of school aged and young people in the area, it would be prudent to ensure that area was included in the sensitive site zone.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Subcommittee:

- a) **Recommends** that Council amends the Legal High Retail Location Policy to include Great King Street from Moray Place to St Andrew Street in the sensitive buffer zone due to the increase of vulnerable people in the area.

**Motion carried (RSCCC/2021/001)**

The meeting concluded at 1.51 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON