

MINUTES OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE

held on 9 September 2021 at 7pm

Present:

Councillor L. Mascot (Chair)
Councillor D.G. Jones (Vice Chair)

Councillors, L. Ashley, D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frasca, L.A. Millane, I.C. Roberts, and T.E. Roper

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ambor, Hughes and Lee.

2. Declaration of Interests

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

3. Public Question Time

No questions were asked or statements made.

4. Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles

The Committee considered a report on the revised statement of principles to the Statement of Gambling Policy under the Gambling Act 2005. The Committee was asked to agree the consultation process for adopting the revised policy prior to its adoption in early 2022 by the Council.

The Committee were informed that under legislation the policy had to be reviewed every three years but that after a recent review, only a few minor corrections were proposed and it remained otherwise entirely unaltered and fit for purpose. It was noted by the Committee that comments in the consultation period were unlikely, but that it would be advertised on the Council's website, a local newspaper and brought to the attention of other stakeholders. The Committee heard that if no responses were received the policy would next be considered by the Cabinet, but if adverse comments were received then they would be considered by a future meeting of the Licensing Committee.

RESOLVED that;

1. the revised Statement of Principles be agreed as fit for purpose and public consultation take place; and

2. following the public consultaiton;

- i) If no comments are received, the policy be forwarded direct to the Cabinet for consideration and recommendation for formal adoption by Full Council; but
- ii) If adverse comments are received these be considered by the Licensing Committee at a future meeting, and any amendments as a result of the consultaiton agreed prior to the policy being considered at Cabinet and then recommended for formal adoption by Full Council.

5. **Urgent Business**

There were no matters of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Chair