

LICENSING COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 09:30

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

S Easterbrook
RM James
S J Bletsoe

R Williams
RJ Collins
C Davies

J Llewellyn-Hopkins
H T Bennett

J E Pratt
A R Berrow

Apologies for Absence

MJ Kearn and P W Jenkins

Officers:

Oscar Roberts
Kirsty Evans
Nick Dennison
Nimi Chandrasena

Business Administrative Apprentice - Democratic Services
Senior Licensing Officer
Solicitor
Democratic Services Officer - Support

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

35. Approval of Minutes

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| Decision Made | <u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee Meeting dated 22/05/24 were approved as a true and accurate record. |
| Date Decision Made | 11 September 2024 |

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36. Gambling Act 2005 Statement Of Licensing Principles 2025-2028

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| Decision Made | <p>The Report was presented by the Senior Licensing Officer, the purpose of which was to ask the Committee to endorse the publication of the Council's Statement of Licensing Principles for the next triennial period 2025 to 2028, and to forward the policy to Cabinet and Council for final approval and publication in accordance with the regulations.</p> <p>The Senior Licensing Officer stated that following a public consultation that followed the publishing of the Gambling White Paper by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the government published its conclusions and the proposals that would impact the sector, by way of changes to casinos, gaming machines in gaming centres and bingo halls, cashless payments on gaming machines finally raising the current fee cap that licencing authorities may charge premises in England and Wales by 15%.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the statistics expected from GAMCare, an independent charity providing information and support those affected by gambling harms. The charity had suggested gathering statistics from the National gambling helpline, which they operate, to assist the authority in developing a local profile. As these statistics had not been received, the Senior Licensing Officer confirmed it would be pursued.</p> <p>There was a wider discussion between those present about the harm caused by the proposal to accept cashless payments on gaming machines. A discussion took place to explore the possibility of raising concerns and The Senior Licensing Officer responded that though the consultation of the White Paper on the subject had now been completed, there was no reason concerns could not be voiced. She confirmed to the committee that she would go through the Government's consultation response to ascertain if there had been a specific response to the concerns raised by the members within this meeting.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> : The Committee endorsed the proposed Statement of Licensing Principles as attached at Appendix A, to subsequently be forwarded to Cabinet and Council for final approval and publication in accordance with the regulations.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Senior Licensing officer would pursue the statistics expected from GAMCare and that she would update the Committee of the Government's consultation response to the concerns over the use of cashless payments.</p> |
| Date Decision Made | 11 September 2024 |

37. Urgent Items

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| Decision Made | There were no urgent items. |
| Date Decision Made | 11 September 2024 |

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The meeting closed at 09:49.