
Meeting	Licensing And Regulatory Committee
Date	4 November 2024
Present	Councillors Melly (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Baxter, Clarke, Hook, Kilbane [withdrew for agenda item 6 Street Trading Consent Policy update], Mason, Nicholls, Ravilious, Warters and Wilson
In Attendance	Sandra Branigan, Senior Lawyer Lesley Cooke, Licensing Manager Helene Vergereau, Head of Highways Access and Development
Apologies	Councillors Knight, Smalley and Widdowson

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

73. Gambling Act 2005 - Statements Of Licensing Policy (6.51pm)

[See also under Part A]

Members considered a report advising them of the review of the Councils Statement of Licensing Policy (the Policy) and the consultation undertaken. The report sought a recommendation to Council that the Policy be approved and permission to publish the revised Local Area Profile.

The Licensing Manager outlined the report noting the information in the annexes to the report. She noted that there had been one response from GamCare to the consultation. She noted they requested a public health approach be taken to gambling. She added that the last premises licence application was received in 2013 for a betting shop. She then outlined the options available to Members. The Chair thanks Members on the working group, officers and local partners for their work on the policy.

In response to questions from Members, the Licensing Manager explained that:

- With reference to the number of schools in the Rural West Ward, she would check the number with the council Business Intelligence Unit.

- Regarding licensed gambling premises in areas of deprivation, a new applicant and/or licence holder has to do a risk assessment looking at the risks within their area.
- Regarding government guidance, it was not known if this was one of their priorities. Officers were aware that the government had been in contact with the Gambling Commissions.
- Regulation in terms of the national lottery came under the Gambling Commission.

The Committee had the following options available to them in making their decision:

Option 1: Approve the revised Policy and make a recommendation to Council that the Policy is adopted. Authorise officers to publish the revised Local Area Profile.

Option 2: Amend the revised Policy and make a recommendation to Council that the amended revised Policy is adopted. Authorise officers to publish the revised Local Area Profile.

Cllr Cuthbertson moved and Cllr Hook Baxter seconded the recommendation as detailed in Option 1 – to approve the revised Policy and make a recommendation to Council that the Policy is adopted and to authorise officers to publish the profile. On being put to the vote it was unanimously;

Resolved: That;

- i. It be recommended to Council that the Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.
- ii. Authorisation be given to officers to publish the Local Area Profile.

Reason: To meet the legislative requirements of the Gambling Act 2005, and recommendations within the Gambling Commissions Guidance to Licensing Authorities.

Cllr Melly, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.30pm and finished at 7.00pm].