
LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 9 September 2021 from 6.30 pm - 6.43 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Derek Carnell (Chairman), Tim Gibson, Carole Jackson, Peter Macdonald, Lee McCall, Ken Rowles, Paul Stephen, Tim Valentine and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Billy Attaway, Mohammad Bauluck, Della Fackrell, Chris Hills, Charlotte Hudson, Kellie MacKenzie and Jo Thomas.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Roger Clark, Hannah Perkin and Mike Whiting.

250 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

251 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2021 (Minute Nos. 531 – 533) and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 1 July 2021 (Minute Nos. 124 – 126) were taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

The Minutes of the following Sub-Committees were accepted by the Committee and signed by the Chairman:

17 March 2021 (Minute Nos. 544 – 547)

8 April 2021 (Minute Nos. 614 – 617)

27 April 2021 (Minute Nos. 623 – 626)

252 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cameron Beart declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of item 5 (Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005) and item 6 (Local Area Profile under the Gambling Act 2005), as both items had been considered recently at a meeting of the Queenborough Town Council of which he was a member. Councillor Beart stated that he had not voted on either item at that meeting.

Part A Minutes for Recommendation to Council

253 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which presented the draft Statement of Principles for Gambling Act 2005 policy at Appendix I of the report following the public consultation. The Licensing Officer reported that despite a widespread

consultation no responses had been received, which she considered was because they had used a model template recommended by the Gambling Commission which satisfied both operators and members of the public.

The Licensing Officer stated that the Committee were asked to endorse the document and recommend to Council that the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be adopted.

Recommended:

- (1) That Council note that there were no responses to the public consultation on the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.***
- (2) That Council adopt the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.***

254 LOCAL AREA PROFILE UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which presented the draft Local Area Profile to the current Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles set-out at Appendix I of the report and detailed the consultation response.

The Licensing Officer drew attention to Appendix II on page 92 of the report which set-out the two responses received and the Council's response. The first response was from Queenborough Town Council who noted and supported the policy. The second from Gamble Aware who also supported the Policy and provided links and contact details to signpost people to organisations that offered free, confidential advice and support if they had any gambling related problems. The Licensing Officer reported that the links and contacts had been included in the draft Local Area Profile.

The Licensing Officer stated that the Committee were asked to recommend to Council that the draft Local Area Profile be adopted.

Recommended:

- (1) That Council adopts the Local Area Profile under the Gambling Act 2005.***

Chairman

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