

Licensing Committee – 29 October 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held on **29 October 2018** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr B T Hazlewood

Cllr Mrs J R Gooding
Cllr M Hoy
Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr Mrs L Shaw

Cllr P J Shaw
Cllr D J Sperring
Cllr A L Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N L Cooper, Mrs C M Mason, R Milne and S A Wilson.

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Fowler - Senior Licensing Officer
S Worthington - Democratic Services Officer

195 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

196 CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (GAMBLING ACT 2005)

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services seeking Members' approval of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) and seeking Members' recommendation to Council on the position that the Council should take in respect of casino licences.

In response to a Member question relating to paragraph 3.15 of the draft Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) relating to the issue of casino premises licences, officers confirmed that it was a legal requirement that the policy be reviewed every three years.

Although it was noted that equality and diversity implications were not specifically addressed in the officer's report, officers emphasised that the protection of vulnerable people was closely addressed within the policy.

Members all concurred that, given the legal requirement to review the policy every three years, there would be merit in amending paragraph 3.15 of the policy to read: 'As provided by Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005, the Licensing Authority has resolved not to issue casino premises licences for the duration of this policy.'

Recommended to Council

- (1) That the updated Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005) be approved.
- (2) That casino premises licences not be issued for the duration of the updated Statement of Licensing Policy (Gambling Act 2005). (ADLS)

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.16 am.

Chairman

Date

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