

# MINUTES OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

6 NOVEMBER 2018

## PRESENT:

Councillors Cade (Chairman), Mrs Avis, Mrs Bragg, Brader, Miss Dumbleton, Keeling, Picker, Poole, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Roodhouse and Ms Watson-Merret

## 12. MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Licensing and Safety Committee 4 September 2018; and  
Licensing Sub-Committee (General) 24 October 2018.

## 13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Garcia and Mrs Nash.

## 14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

## 15. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 1 - agenda item 4) concerning a review of the draft Statement of Gambling Policy.

Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to publish a Gambling Policy on which licensing decisions would be based and to review its Policy every three years. The current Policy was effective until 30 January 2019 and due for review.

At its meeting on 4 September 2018, the Committee considered the draft Policy and agreed that a report be brought back to the Committee to consider any responses received to the public consultation.

The public consultation ran from 20 July to 12 October 2018 and only one response was received from the Gambling Commission in relation to bingo and local risk assessments. Paragraphs 17.4 and 8.7 of draft Policy had been amended accordingly.

The fact there were no major proposed changes and a limited response to the public consultation reflected the national picture in other local authorities.

A review of the licence for a gambling establishment would be triggered on receipt of an application requesting a review, following an inspection where issues found, or a complaint from a councillor or interested party.

It was noted that reviews of local gambling premises were carried out in conjunction with the Gambling Policy on an annual basis.

The Committee considered the revised version of the draft Policy and approved this subject to the full meaning of the acronym 'FEC' (family entertainment centre) being added to the heading at paragraph 22 for ease of understanding.

**RESOLVED THAT** – it be recommended to Cabinet to recommend to Council that the Gambling Policy be adopted with effect from 31 January 2019 for three years.

**16. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**RESOLVED THAT-** under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**17. EMERGENCY REVOCATION OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environment and Public Realm (Part 2 - agenda item 1) concerning the revocation of a Dual Driver's Licence.

The Committee were in full support of the action taken to revoke the Dual Driver's Licence.

**RESOLVED THAT** – the report be noted.

**CHAIRMAN**