

Statutory Licensing Committee

A meeting of Statutory Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday, 2nd October, 2018.

Present: Cllr Paul Kirton(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Kathryn Nelson(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Chris Clough, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Eileen Johnson, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE

Officers: Jonathan Nertney (DHRL&C), Leanne Maloney-Kelly, Kirsty Wannop, Sarah Whaley (DCE)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Julia Whitehill,

SLC 4/18 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

SLC 5/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SLC 6/18 Minutes from the Statutory Licensing Committee meeting which was held on the 10th July 2018

Consideration was given to the draft minutes from the Statutory Licensing Committee meeting which was held on the 10th July 2018 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

SLC 7/18 REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR GAMBLING PREMISES IN STOCKTON

The Licensing Team Leader presented Members with a report which detailed the revised Gambling Statement of Principles following the consultation on the draft Gambling Statement of Principles which was considered at the Statutory Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 10 July 2018.

The draft Gambling Statement of Principles was published for consultation. The consultation included stakeholders such as the Gambling Commission, trade associations, licensees, children's services and a local residents group.

The consultation was published on the website and a notice was placed in the public notice board in the customer service centre.

During the consultation process comments were received from the Regional Compliance Manager at the Gambling Commission regarding Primary Authority schemes detailed within the statement stating that these schemes no longer existed as described.

It was suggested therefore that as Primary Authority schemes could change

during the length of the statement, it would be better to omit the detail of the schemes and instead provide a link to the Gambling Commission site where up to date information could be found.

The Gambling Commission also commented that local area risk assessments which were completed by the licensee should be held on the premise for inspection.

In addition it was suggested that sight of local area risk assessments should be incorporated into the inspection criteria and requested during annual inspections.

Members would be aware that the current Statement of Principles was adopted in January 2016 and Licensing authorities were required to prepare and publish a statement of principles every three years when exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

The gambling policy had been reviewed in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 and the revised statement reflected legislative changes and those comments received during consultation.

The current review would conclude with a revised Policy coming into effect on the 1 January 2019 following consideration by Cabinet in November and Council in December.

The main topics discussed were as follows:

- How local area risk assessments were undertaken.
- The local residents group used in the consultation.
- Members requested the wording to point 5 of the report be amended and incorporated within the inspection form as follows:

'In addition it is suggested that sight of up to date local area risk assessments should be incorporated into the inspection criteria and requested during annual inspections'.

RESOLVED that:

1. Members give consideration to the proposed revised Gambling Statement of Principles.
2. Wording to point 5. of the report be amended as detailed above.
3. Members agree to the proposed changes to the draft for consideration by Cabinet on 15 November 2018 and Council on 12 December 2018.