



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th JUNE 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Price (Chair), Councillors T Clements (Vice-Chair), D Box, R Claymore, S Doyle, J Jones, K Norchi, J Oates, M Oates and P Thurgood

The following officers were present: Fiona Samuda (Licensing Legal Advisor), Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Gareth Harvey (Head of Environmental Health), Simon Rolfs (Environmental Health Officer) and Jodie Small (Legal, Democratic and Corporate Support Assistant)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) M Cook, A Farrell and R Pritchard

### **1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillors S Doyle and seconded by Councillor T Clements)*

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **3 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY STATEMENT) 2022 - 2024**

The current Gambling Policy is due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 but in December 2020 the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport launched a major and wide-ranging review of gambling laws to ensure they are fit for the digital age. This call for evidence has now been completed and we are expecting a new Gambling Act sometime in the next 12 months at which point we will need to prepare a new Policy and Statement of Principles.

This report is to inform the committee of these forthcoming changes and propose that the existing policy be extended in its' current form for a further 24 months until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Within this time frame we will draft a new Policy and Statement of Principles once the new legislation comes into force and this will then be brought before the Licensing Committee before going out to consultation.

**RESOLVED**

That Committee,

***Agreed to extend the current Gambling Policy and Statement of Principles until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.***

*(Moved by Councillor T Clements and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)*

**4 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

*(Moved by Councillor T Clements and seconded by Councillor M Oates)*

Councillor J Oates left the meeting.

**5 COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 SUITABILITY OF PERSON TO CONTINUE TO HOLD A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

The report of the Head of Environmental Health, for committees' consideration to make a decision whether the person continues to remain fit and proper to hold a licence to drive hackney carriage/private hire vehicles under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

**RESOLVED**

Committee decided to

Revoke the license to drive Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles under section 61(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for any other reasonable cause.

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Chair