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# LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

## Draft MINUTES

of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday 5 December 2018 from 7.30pm to 7.42pm.

Councillors present: Councillors Steve Drury (Chairman), Martin Trevett (Vice-Chairman), Heather Kenison, Joy Mann, Keith Martin, Ralph Sangster, Alex Turner, Alison Wall.

Officers: Lorna Fryer, Lead Licensing Officer  
Gordon Glenn, Performance and Projects Manager  
Steven Halls, Chief Executive  
Michael Summerville, Electoral Services Manager  
Sherrie Ralton, Committee Manager

Also present: Councillors Stephen Cox and Andrew Scarth

### **LC04/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Stephen King, Councillor Valerie Coltman.

### **LC05/18 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Licensing Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2017 and the Extraordinary Licensing Committee Meeting held on 15 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **LC06/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none

### **LC07/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **LC08/18 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

This report sought Members' approval to adopt the amended Statement of Gambling Principles and Policy for the period 2018–2021 (hereafter referred to as "the draft Statement of Policy"). The amended Statement of Policy must be published no later than 3 January 2019 to come in to force by 31 January 2019. This will replace the current Statement of Policy (2016 – 2019) which was agreed in December 2015.

On 15 October 2018 Members of the Committee agreed the draft Statement of Policy to be sent out for consultation and confirmed the continuation of a 'No Casinos' policy.

This report followed the consultation period which commenced on 19 October 2018 and came to an end on 3 December 2018.

Following consultation the recommendation was that Members adopt the draft Statement of Policy as consulted upon including the confirmation of the 'No Casinos' policy.

The Lead Licensing Officer confirmed that all the consultees listed in the appendix had been sent letters but there had been no representations.

A question was raised as to whether there was any specific reason for the 'No Casinos' Policy that was adopted many years ago. It was suggested that this could be reconsidered in the future.

The following amendments to the Statement of Licensing Policy were noted:

- Paragraph 6.3 to read 'The gambling Commission *is* responsible'.
- Appendix 2 page 22 Adult gaming centre should read '*centres*'.

RESOLVED:

That Members of the Committee

- 1) Recommend to Council that they adopt the amended Statement of Policy and
- 2) Recommend to Council to confirm the continuation of a 'No Casinos' Policy within the adopted Statement of Policy.

#### **LC08/18 WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider and make any necessary changes to the Committee's work programme.

RESOLVED

That the Committee notes the items included in the work programme.

CHAIRMAN