
LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 1 July 2021 from 6.30 pm - 6.41 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Derek Carnell (Chairman), Richard Darby, Mike Dendor (Substitute for Councillor Mike Whiting), Peter Macdonald, Ben J Martin (Substitute for Councillor Hannah Perkin), Lee McCall, Ken Rowles, Paul Stephen and Tony Winckless (Vice-Chairman).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Philippa Davies, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris, Chris Hills, Charlotte Hudson and Kellie MacKenzie.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (REMOTELY): Councillors Steve Davey and Richard Palmer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Roger Clark, Carole Jackson, Hannah Perkin, Tim Valentine and Mike Whiting.

124 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman ensured that those present were aware of the emergency evacuation procedure.

125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Part B Minutes for Information

126 REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which set-out that the Gambling Act 2005 required the Council as licensing authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles for Gambling Act 2005 policy. The existing Statement of Principles was published in January 2019 and was due for renewal by January 2022. The Licensing Officer gave an overview of the report and explained that the results of the consultation would be reported back to the Licensing Act 2003 Committee on 9 September 2021.

Members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

A Member supported the document and drew attention to the following points: that Town Councils should be included as consultees, under paragraph 5.4 of the report, alongside Parish Councils; NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), no longer existed, it was now Kent and Medway CCG; and the word 'Bureau' needed to be deleted from 'Citizens Advice'.

A Member referred to page 9 of the report and considered there should be an implication listed under 'Health and Wellbeing', to reflect the content of paragraph 69 in the draft document.

The Licensing Officer acknowledged the comments made by Members and explained that the Local Area Profile, which would be published as a separate document, focused on any health related harm linked to gambling.

Resolved:

- (1) That the report be endorsed and officers be instructed to proceed with the review process.**
- (2) That officers undertake a seven-week consultation on the proposed revised Statement of Principles for Gambling 2022 – 2025, attached as Appendix I to the agenda.**
- (3) That a further report be accepted, after the conclusion of the consultation period where Members would consider any comments made, prior to formally recommending the revised Statement of Licensing Principles for Gambling for adoption by Full Council.**

Chairman

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