

Licensing Committee – Meeting held on Thursday, 14th October, 2021.

Present:- Councillors H Cheema (Chair), R Davis (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Gill, Malik, Sharif and Strutton

Also present under Rule 30:- Councillors A Cheema and Gahir

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Dhaliwal and S Parmar

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6. Declarations of Interest

None received.

7. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition

8. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 4th June 2020

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June, 202 be approved as a correct record.

9. Gambling Act 2005 - Review of 'Statement of Principles'

The Committee were reminded of the statutory requirement to conduct a review of the Statement of Principles, as specified under the Gambling Act 2005, every three years. The Gambling Act 2005 placed the responsibility for the regulation of gambling on the Gambling Commission to regulate the operators of gambling premises and to issue codes of practice and guidance. The functions of the Council under the Act were outlined as:

- license premises for gambling activities;
- consider notices for temporary use of premises for gambling;
- grant permits for gaming and gaming machines in clubs and miners welfare institutes;
- regulate gaming and gaming machines in alcohol licensed premises;
- grant permits to family entertainment centres for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines;
- grant permits for prize gaming;
- consider occasional use notices for betting at tracks; and
- register small society lotteries.

The Principal Licensing Officer informed Members that a consultation was conducted between 23rd July 2021 and 3rd September 2021. The consultation included a press release, information on the Council's website, as well as with all elected members of the Council. One response to the consultation was

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received from Thames Valley Police, indicating that they had no objections to the draft Statement of Principles.

Members discussed the revised Statement of Principles, noting that there were no significant changes from the previous statement. A number of questions including regulation and enforcement at premises and types of gaming machines and pay-outs were discussed; following which the Committee agreed to recommend the Statement of Principles Policy to Council for adoption.

Recommended to Council - That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles Policy (as amended 2021), as set out in Appendix A, is adopted as the Gambling Act Statement of Principles.

10. Date of Next Meeting - 10th February 2022

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10th February 2022.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.44 pm)