

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMITTEE OF THE LICENSING AUTHORITY** held in the Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding, on Thursday, 19 July 2018 at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT**

A Harrison (Chairman)  
J Tyrrell (Vice-Chairman)

G R Aley  
F Biggadike  
M D Booth  
A Casson

M G Chandler  
G K Dark  
H Drury  
C N Johnson

J L King  
A M Newton  
J Whitbourn  
S Wray

In Attendance: Licensing and Business support shared manager, Licensing Team Leader and Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Councillors T A Carter

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carter

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Licensing Authority held on 19 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

4. **GAMBLING ACT POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Manager – People and Public Protection which sought to present a draft revised version of the Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) for consideration prior to it being issued for consultation.

Heather Lawson introduced the policy. It was stated that there were 3 objectives:

- i) Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime.
- ii) Ensuring that gambling was conducted in a fair and open way.
- iii) Protect children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The act specified a list of authorities which must be consulted in the obtaining of a gambling license. This list consisted of:

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- Parish Councils
- Lincolnshire Police
- Lincolnshire Trading Standards
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
- Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board
- MP
- SHDC Planning Department
- Alcoholics anonymous
- Shine Mental Health Services
- Mencap
- MIND
- BACTA
- Bingo Association
- British Bookmakers
- British Beer and Pub Association
- British Institute of innkeeping
- Other Lincolnshire District Councils
- Adult Gaming Centre, Family entertainment Centre and Bingo premises licence holders within South Holland; and
- Gambling Commission.

The policy would go out for consultation for 12 weeks on the Monday following this meeting. It would then be presented to the Policy Development Panel (PDP). The closing date for the consultation was 12 October 2018. On 8 November 2018 the consultation would be considered by the Committee of the licensing Authority to discuss potential amendments. On 28 November the revised policy would be adopted at Full Council and on 31 January 2019 the policy would come into force.

It was stated that any premises seeking a license would have to perform a risk assessment.

It was noted that staff at applying premises would need to have training to identify 'vulnerable' people.

Members asked if the policy included shops which sold lottery tickets and scratch cards. Officers stated that the policy did not cover this.

Members asked that the sentence on page 2 of the policy be simplified which outlined the limit upon how many gaming machines are allowed in alcohol premises.

The Licensing & Business Support Shared Manager stated that although the policy was somewhat difficult to read, a lot of this was down to a large portion of the policy being statutory which could not be adjusted to any great degree. Therefore, officers felt that there was no way that this policy could be shortened further.

**AGREED:**

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That the Committee considered the amended Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) as shown in Appendix A of the report, prior to it being issued for consultation.

**5. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT.**

The Chair of the Committee wished to welcome Councillor Tyrrell as the new vice-chairman.

(The meeting ended at 6.57 pm)

(End of minutes)