

Minutes of the Licensing Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Friday 18 October 2024

Chairman - Councillor A M Loughran

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

J A Barron P A Leason L Nixon J Thorley

Officers in attendance:-

D Prosser-Davies - Environment Health Manager

J Wallce - Licensing Manager

J Dean - Democratic Services Officer

LC1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J T Rose.

LC2 Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 - 2030

Considered the report of the Head of Regulatory Services setting out the draft Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 ('the Act') following consultation on statutory review and to note its contents. The next review was due by January 2025.

Members duly voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee Council be recommended to adopt and publish the Statement of Licensing Policy 2025, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

LC3 Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles 2025 - 2028

Considered the report of the Head of Regulatory Services setting out the revised Statement of Principles (Policy Statement) in respect of functions under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), following consultation on statutory review and note its contents. The next review was due by 5 January 2025.

The Environmental Health Manager highlighted the summary of changes made to the policy statement, as set out in appendix 2 of the report.

Members duly voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee:-
 - (a) Council be recommended to adopt and publish the Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2025, as set out in appendix 1 of the report;
 - (b) the Head of Regulatory Services be authorised to make any amendments to the Policy required due to changes in legislation or government guidance and minor variations to the Policy in the interests of operational efficiency.

CHAIR