

## **Minutes of the Licensing Committee**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 10.00am  
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor Allen (Chair);  
Councillor S Davies (Vice Chair) Rouf (Vice Chair);  
Councillors Downing, Eaves, I Jones and O Jones.

**Apologies:** Councillors Crumpton, Dhallu, E M Giles, L Giles,  
G Gill, Mabena, Moore and Preece.

7/19 **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee, held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, be confirmed as a correct record.

8/19 **Establishment of Licensing Sub Committee**

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Council was notified of a change in political membership resulting in the opposition group ceasing to exist. A resignation from the Licensing Committee resulted in a vacant position. An elected member was appointed to the vacant position.

Approval was sought to revise membership of the three Sub Committees as set out in Appendix 1 for the remainder of the municipal year.

It was proposed that three sub-committees, consisting of five members with a Chair/Vice Chair each sitting on a sub-committee be appointed for the remainder of the municipal year. However, in accordance with the provision of the Act, sub -committees sitting to consider Licensing Act 2003/Gambling Act 2005 functions were required to consist of only three members.

The Director – Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee was authorised to select members from the Licensing Committee to serve on sub-committees as necessary and to ensure a quorum should be a named member not be available for a meeting or unable to consider a particular case due to a conflict of interest.

**Resolved** that the revised membership of the three Sub Committees, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved for the remainder of the municipal year.

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### **Review of Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005**

Sandwell's Statement of Gambling Principles was implemented by 2016. The Gambling Act 2005 required Sandwell Council, as the Licensing Authority, to review its Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, (Gambling Policy) every three years.

On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Cabinet approval was received to commence formal consultation on the revised Statement of Principles in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Committee was requested to consider the revised Statement of Principles and provide any relevant feedback or observations to the formal consultation exercise so that these may be considered prior to a final version of the document being submitted to Council in January 2020 for approval.

The updated Gambling Statement of Principles had been drafted in conjunction with partners, in recognition of the impact that Gambling had on the borough's population and economy.

Once the consultation had been completed, responses would be collated and used to inform a further cabinet report which would seek approval to submit the revised Statement of Principles to Council for adoption.

**Resolved** that, in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, and subject to any comments received as a result of the consultation process, Council be recommended to approve the revised Statement of Principles, with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020;

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## Alcohol Licensing Policy Consultation

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Cabinet approval was received to commence formal consultation on a revised statement of draft Statement of Licensing Policy for the borough in line with formal timescales.

The Licensing Committee was requested to consider the draft statement of Licensing Policy and provide any relevant feedback or observations to the formal consultation exercise so that these may be considered prior to a final version of the document being put forward to Council in January 2020 for approval.

The Licensing Act 2003 required the Local Authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy, setting out how the authority intended to approach its licensing responsibilities and this statement should be reviewed every five years.

The updated Licensing Policy had been drafted in conjunction with health partners in recognition of the impact the sale and supply of alcohol had on the health of the borough's population.

The proposed Statement of Licensing Policy being put forward for consultation now contained far more health-related information outlining the potential harm the misuse of alcohol was having on the residents of the borough.

The revised policy also included more information on Modern Day Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation and Public Health related information.

It was proposed to provide a guidance document for applicants and license holders to support them to understand the practical steps they can take to manage their responsibilities as a License Holder effectively and support the long-term health and well-being of the borough's residents.

**Resolved** that, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, and subject to any comments received as a result of the consultation process, Council be recommended to approve the revised Statement of Licensing Policy;

(The meeting ended at 10.28am)

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## Licensing Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Statutory Licensing Sub Committee

	Councillor Allen (Great Bridge)	Councillor Rouf (Soho & Victoria)	Councillor S Davies (Langley)
A	Councillor Dhallu (West Bromwich Central) Councillor E M Giles (Bristnall)	Councillor L Giles (Wednesbury North) Councillor I Jones (Tipton Green)	Councillor Downing (Oldbury) Councillor Crumpton (Old Warley)
B	Councillor O Jones (Wednesbury South) Councillor Mabena (Blackheath)	Councillor Preece (Charlemont with Grove Vale) Councillor Eaves (Rowley)	Councillor Moore (Hateley Heath) Councillor G Gill (Great Barr with Yew Tree)

### Non-Statutory Licensing Sub Committee

#### Sub Committee 1

Councillor Allen  
Councillor Dhallu  
Councillor E M Giles  
Councillor O Jones  
Councillor Mabena

#### Sub Committee 2

Councillor Rouf  
Councillor L Giles  
Councillor I Jones  
Councillor Preece  
Councillor Eaves

#### Sub Committee 3

Councillor S Davies  
Councillor Downing  
Councillor Moore  
Councillor Crumpton  
Councillor G Gill