

Minutes of Licensing Committee

**Monday 2 December 2021 at 10.00am
Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillors Chidley, Fenton, G Gill, Z Hussain, R Jones and
Webb.

Also present: Tracy Hubball (Licensing Service Manager)
Fiona Gee (Licensing Supervisor)
David Elliott (Solicitor)
Trisha Newton (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Gabrielle Evans (Democratic Services Officer)

1/21 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mabena
and Williams

2/21 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

3/21 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September
2021 were confirmed as a correct record.



Review of Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

The Gambling Act 2005 required the Council, as Licensing Authority, to review its Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, (Gambling Policy) every three years.

In line with statutory guidance, various agencies and partner organisations would be consulted on the document for a period of 12 weeks. Following the 12-week consultation period a final version of the revised statement of principles would be brought back before Committee.

Questions and comments were raised by members on the following topics:

- Small society lotteries - the chair requested that more detail be added in relation to small/community lotteries to the Statement of Principles;
- Vulnerable People - officers were asked to reword the document to ensure that protection of all vulnerable people was considered from the outset not just children;
- Be Gamble Aware - Members asked that more be done to promote the Gambling Commissions “Be Gamble Aware” scheme;
- Application Form - the Chair asked that a hyperlink be added to the Council’s Gambling Licence Form so that the reader had an idea of the process and related fees.

A revised version of the Statement of Principles would be circulated to members of the committee prior to officers commencing the consultation.

Resolved:-

- (1) that a formal consultation be commenced on the revised statement of principles as required by the Gambling Act 2005;
- (2) that, in connection with resolution (1) above, the consultation shall be with all relevant stakeholders for a period of 12 weeks.



Meeting ended at 11:23am

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