

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Licensing Committee** held in the Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY on Thursday, 12 December 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor J Hall (Chair)

Councillor N Allen, Councillor A Brazier, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor D Darby, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor S Michael, Councillor D Moore, Councillor K Roberts, Councillor S Saddington, Councillor M Spoor, Councillor P Taylor, Councillor T Wendels and Councillor T Wildgust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor L Tift (Vice-Chair)

40 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chair advised that the proceedings were being recorded by the Council and that the meeting was being livestreamed.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NOTED that in the interest of transparency, Councillor J Hall declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 4 - Review of the Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-27 given her employment.

42 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

The minutes from the meeting held on 12 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Having declared an interest in the following item, the Chair removed herself from the meeting and Councillor P Taylor chaired the meeting for this one item.

43 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Licensing Officer which sought to provide Members with feedback following the public consultation of the Statement of Gambling Policy.

The report set out that the consultation period had lasted for a period of six weeks and during that time, two representations had been received. These had been included within Appendices A and B to the report.

In considering the report, a Member raised concerns in relation to the ever increasing number of people gambling online and that the Council, as the Licensing Authority, had no control over that.

AGREED (unanimously) that the draft Statement of Gambling Policy be supported and forwarded to full Council for approval and adoption.

44 REVISION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Having previously considered an identical report on the General Purposes Agenda, the Committee determined as follows:

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- a) the rationale for the report changes be noted; and
- b) approval of the new format and information provided be deferred pending further discussions with Members and Officers.

45 UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The Committee considered the report of the Senior Licensing Officer which provided Members with details of the various activities undertaken by the Licensing Team in relation to the different types of licensing matters covered by the Licensing Act 2003.

AGREED that the report be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Chair