

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber Area B, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors G Williams (Chairman), R Adair, S Bailey, K Beardsall, G Dickman, L Healy, L Howitt, R Mallender, D Simms and J Walker

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

G Carpenter P Harris T Coop Service Manager - Public Protection Senior Licensing Officer Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

Councillors B Bansal, N Begum, J Stockwood and G Wheeler

5 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of inerest reported.

6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7 Gambling Act 2005 - Draft Statement of Licensing Principles 2022-2025

The Service Manager – Public Protection presented the report of the Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods requesting the Committee to consider the changes to the Council's Statement of Principles made under the Gambling Act 2005, explaining that as a Licensing authority the Council must determine and publish its Statement of Principles every 3 years.

The Senior Licensing Officer explained that there are three licensing objectives set out in the Act as follows:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime or disorder
- Ensuring that the gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that the draft Statement of Principles was a live document, and has been subject to an extensive consultation with members of the trade, responsible authorities, current license holders and Councillors.

The Senior Licensing Officer highlighted the list of amendments and responses to the consultation and provided a draft Statement of Principles attached as an appendix to the report for the Committee to consider.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee endorse the Statement of Principles for its final approval at Full Council on 2 December 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm.

CHAIRMAN