



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

Minutes

Monday, 29 November 2021 at 18:00

PRESENT:-

Councillor G Carpenter (in the Chair); Councillors Bird, Borg, Cordiner-Achenbach, Galer, Hanton & Lawn.

Councillor Flaxman-Taylor attended as a substitute for Councillor Bensly.

Councillor Mogford attended as a substitute for Councillor Stenhouse.

Councillor Wainwright attended as a substitute for Councillor B Walker.

Mrs D Wilby (Licensing & Elections Manager) & Mrs C Webb (Executive Services Officer).

Mr D Lowens (Solicitor, nplaw).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bensly, Hacon, Stenhouse and B Walker.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest given at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 GAMBLING POLICY

The Committee received and considered the report from the Licensing & Elections Manager.

The Licensing & Elections Manager reported that the licensing authorities were required to publish a statement of principles and review it every 3 years. The policy had been reviewed and updated to reflect minimal changes in legislation, Gambling Commission guidance and related matters. This had been subject to a 9 week consultation period during July & September which included the responsible authorities and a range of organisations including the Gambling Commission, existing gambling operators and organisations representing vulnerable people. No comments were received in response to the consultation. Therefore, if Members agreed to the draft policy they could recommend it for adoption by Council on the 9 December 2021.

The Solicitor flagged two issues to the Committee. Firstly, on page 10; the paragraph headed "Appropriate Licensing Environment", mentioned a non-remote betting operating licence under s65(2)(c) of the Act and whether this should be a general betting licence. Secondly, at the top of page 11; it mentioned Categories B2-D under s172(8) of the Act and should this be B,C or D rather than B2-D. The Licensing & Elections Manager confirmed that she would amend the policy to reflect the advice which the solicitor had given at the meeting.

Councillor Wainwright proposed that the draft policy be recommended to Council for adoption on the 9 December 2021. This was seconded by Councillor Mogford.

Following a vote; it was RESOLVED:-

That the draft Gambling Policy be recommended for adoption by Full Council at its meeting of 9 December 2021.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration at the meeting.

The meeting ended at: 20:00