

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held at Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Barnstaple on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Chesters (Chairman)

Councillors J. Cann, Meadlarkin, Moore, Tucker and Yabsley.

Officers:

Lead Officer Licensing (HB), Senior Solicitor (TB), and Corporate and Community Services Officer (AD).

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barker, Campbell, Gubb, Haywood, Jones, Leaver and Mathews.

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2018 (circulated previously) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest announced.

11 GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Lead Officer Licensing highlighted to the Committee the proposed changes in the draft Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles (circulated previously) and explained that the Council had a legal obligation to review its policy every three years.

The Lead Officer Licensing explained that the reasoning behind the majority of the additions was to strengthen the position of the Council in the event of compliance enforcement and any future applications that may come to Sub-Committee for consideration. The Council did not currently have a Local Area Profile but if information were to be received then consideration would be given to one being drawn up, it was open to revision in the future if needed.

In answer to a question regarding Point to Point activity the Lead Officer Licensing explained that those events would be held using an Occasional Use Notice (OUN) and that a premises licence was not required.

In response to a question about fun fairs and the need for a licence the Lead Officer Licensing explained that fun fairs came under the health and safety guidelines and were dealt with by that team, whereas, travelling fairs with gaming machines were dealt with by the licensing team.

The Lead Officer Licensing drew the Committee's attention to the new Appendix B, found on page 33 of the agenda, and explained the responsibility proprietors had to report inappropriate behaviour displayed by their customers and persons in the vicinity of their premises.

The Lead Officer Licensing then outlined the timings for the policy to be consulted on and advised that a findings report would be brought back to the Licensing Committee in October 2018, before it would go to Executive in November and then Council in December for approval before implementation in January 2019.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the proposed Gambling Statement of Principles document be approved; and
- (b) consent be given for the process of public consultation to be undertaken on the draft revised Gambling Statement of Licensing Principles which incorporated tracked changes highlighting the amendments made to the current policy.

12 WORK PROGRAMME/FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the work programme (circulated previously) and the inclusion of dates for the Licensing policy review which was due to start in July. It was noted that the work programme was still evolving and that final dates for other items on the programme were still to be scheduled in.

13 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the following Licensing Sub-Committees (circulated previously) be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees:

- a) Licensing Sub-Committee A: 18th April 2018.
- b) Licensing Sub-Committee B: 3rd May 2018.
- c) Licensing Sub-Committee C: 15th May 2018.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.

NOTE: These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.