

LICENSING & GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

Present:

Councillor Carol Lacey (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Clive Fletcher (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Mick Smith

Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Fran Petersen

Also Present:

A Smith	Legal Services Manager
C Terry	Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing)
L Spinks	Senior Legal Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

LGA/ Apologies for Absence

1/24-

25 Apologies were received from Councillors M Roe, M E Thacker MBE JP and R Welton.

LGA/ Declarations of Interest

2/24-

25 None.

LGA/ Minutes of Last Meeting

3/24-

25 RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

LGA/ Review of the Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

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The Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing) presented a report to consider the draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, which included a proposal for the Committee to approve the revised draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 to allow a 12 week public consultation period to begin.

Members were informed that if approved, the responses to the public consultation would be presented to the Committee once the 12 week period had expired.

The Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing) shared that because of the national concern about the negative effects of gambling, there had been additions about responsible gambling made to the Statement.

Members referred to paragraph 2.16 of the report ('Gambling Related

Complaints') and asked what the nature of the one complaint for 2024/25 had been. The Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing) explained that this was due to a mix-up with an address.

Members discussed the format of the public consultation. The Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing) told Members that a number of methods would be used including the Ask Derbyshire website.

Members asked if anything was included about a correlation between gambling and domestic violence. The Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing) explained that Licensing officers did ask Public Health England and the Police if any crime or health statistics were available, but they could not provide any figures as evidence.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Committee approved the revised draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 for public consultation.
- (2) That the Committee required the Joint Assistant Director of Environmental Health to conduct a 12 week public consultation in line with statutory requirements and report the findings back to the Committee for consideration at a later date.

LGA/ 5/24-25 **Matters of Urgency**
None.