

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee
Tuesday, 13 July 2021
6.00pm to 6.08pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), Fearn (Vice-Chairman), Hackwell, Kemp, Mahil, McDonald, Prenter and Mrs Elizabeth Turpin

In Attendance: Vicky Nutley, Assistant Head of Legal Services
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Stephen Platt, Democratic Services Officer
Emily Lane-Blackwell, Senior Licensing Officer

144 Councillor Bhutia

Members and officers present held a moment of reflection in memory of Councillor Bhutia, who had been a valued member of the Committee.

145 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Browne and Carr.

(During this period, the Conservative and Labour and Co-operative political groups had informally agreed, due the Coronavirus pandemic, to run meetings with reduced number of participants. This was to reduce risk, comply with Government guidance and enable more efficient meetings. Therefore, the apologies given reflected that informal agreement of reduced participants).

146 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 2 June 2021 was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

147 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

148 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

Councillor McDonald declared an interest as he worked for the local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). The CAB had been a consultee on the draft Statement of Gambling Policy but had not provided a response.

149 Statement of Gambling Policy 2022 to 2025

Discussion:

The Committee considered a report on the consultation responses received in respect of the draft revised Gambling Policy. The consultation had run for four weeks, and the three responses which had been received were attached as an appendix to the report.

Members noted the proposed revisions to the policy, which included the addition of more information on the registration of Small Society Lotteries and a number of administrative amendments.

The draft revised policy incorporating the proposed amendments was attached as an appendix to the report and officers were praised for producing a well written document.

Decision:

The Committee:

- (a) noted the responses to the consultation and officers' proposed amendments to the policy document as set out in paragraph 3 of the report; and
- (b) proposed no further amendments to the draft policy document prior to its consideration by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet, and recommendation to Full Council for approval.

Chairman

Date:

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