

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee
Tuesday, 25 June 2024
6.00pm to 6.06pm

Record of the meeting

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

Present: Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Browne (Vice-Chairperson), Brake, Fearn, Filmer, Hamilton, Howcroft-Scott, Peake and Louwella Prenter

In Attendance: Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Vicky Nutley, Head of Legal Services

109 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kemp and Sands.

110 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 19 March 2024 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

111 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

The Committee agreed that item 6, Pavement Licensing Policy, should be deferred for consideration at a later meeting at the request of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to allow for some queries that Members had to be resolved prior to consideration of the policy.

112 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

113 Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-2028

Discussion:

Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager, presented the report on the Statement of Gambling Policy 2025 -2028 and outlined the statutory requirements for the Policy and minor changes that were suggested in section 4.4 of the report.

The Committee were informed that the draft Statement of Gambling Policy 2025-2028 was set out at Appendix A and that a four week consultation period was proposed as set out in section 6.4 of the report.

Members were pleased to see that the draft Statement of Gambling Policy recognised the importance of Safeguarding against Child sexual exploitation.

Decision:

- a) The Committee noted the proposed consultation methodology and instructed the Assistant Licensing Manager to proceed with the same.
- b) That the results of the consultation be reported back to the Committee together with a revised draft Statement of Gambling Policy, prior to consideration by Business Support and Digital Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Full Council for approval.

114 Pavement Licensing Policy

The item was deferred for consideration at a later meeting to allow for outstanding Member queries to be resolved prior to consideration of the policy.

Chairperson

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