

**Licensing Committee**  
**7 JUNE 2018**

Present: Councillors: John Blackall, Karen Burgess, Peter Burgess, Philip Circus, Billy Greening, Tony Hogben, Lynn Lambert, Christian Mitchell, Mike Morgan, Godfrey Newman, Kate Rowbottom and Jim Sanson

Apologies: Councillors: Adrian Lee, Paul Marshall and Brian O'Connell

LI/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Jim Sanson be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

LI/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor John Blackall be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Council year.

LI/3 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 November 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LI/4 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

LI/5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

LI/6 **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003)**

The Head of Environmental Health & Licensing reported that under the Licensing Act 2003, a statement of the Council's Licensing Policy had to be published every three years. The Council's current policy had come into effect on 31 January 2014 and therefore the Council was required to review the existing policy with a view to having a new policy in force by the end of January 2019.

The draft policy would be subject to public consultation for three months and have to be approved by Council, acting as the Licensing Authority, before being formally adopted. Should there be any relevant representations resulting from the consultation process, they would be reported to the Licensing Committee.

The draft Licensing Policy was considered by the Committee and Members agreed to approve the proposal for consultation purposes.

#### RESOLVED

- (i) That the Licensing Policy, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved as a consultation policy.
- (ii) That the draft policy be published for a three months consultation period commencing 18 June 2018.
- (iii) That, subject to their being no relevant representations, the Head of Environmental Health & Licensing in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee recommends to the Council adoption of the Draft Licensing Policy.
- (iv) Should relevant representations be received, that a further report be submitted to the Licensing Committee with the outcomes of the consultation.

#### REASONS

- (i) To comply with legislative requirements.
- (ii) To ensure openness and transparency in the Council's decision making.
- (iii) To ensure that those persons affected by the policy have the opportunity to have an input into it.

#### LI/7 **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY (GAMBLING ACT 2005)**

The Head of Environmental Health & Licensing reported that the Gambling Act 2005 required Licensing Authorities to publish a statement of their Licensing Policy (Gambling) at least once every three years. The current policy had come into force on 31 December 2015 and therefore the Council was required to review the existing policy with a view to having a new policy in force by the end of 2018.

The draft policy would be subject to public consultation for three months and have to be approved by Council, acting as the Licensing Authority, before being

formally adopted. Should there be any relevant representations resulting from the consultation process, they would be reported to the Licensing Committee.

The draft Licensing Policy was considered by the Committee and Members agreed to approve the proposal for consultation purposes.

#### RESOLVED

- (i) That the Licensing Policy (Gambling), as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved as a consultation policy.
- (ii) That the draft policy be published for a three months consultation period commencing 18 June 2018.
- (iii) That, subject to their being no relevant representations, the Head of Environmental Health & Licensing in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee recommends to the Council adoption of the Draft Gambling Policy.
- (iv) Should relevant representations be received, that a further report be submitted to the Licensing Committee with the outcomes of the consultation.

#### REASONS

- (i) To comply with legislative requirements.
- (ii) To ensure openness and transparency in the Council's decision making.
- (iii) To ensure that those persons affected by the policy have the opportunity to have an input into it.

#### LI/8 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

*The meeting closed at 6.04 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm*

CHAIRMAN