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Licensing & Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Licensing & Appeals Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 24th September, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT

Councillor Steve Wain - In the Chair

Councillors: Anthony Bates, John Bointon, Geoff Bond, Sue Burfoot, Bob Butcher, Neil Buttle, Peter Dobbs, Marilyn Franks, Susan Hobson and Peter Slack

Present as substitute – Councillor(s): None

Steve Capes (Director of Place and Economy), Grace Dowson (Licensing Manager), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and James Cunningham (Solicitor)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Dawn Greatorex, Joanne Linthwaite and Laura Mellstrom

145/24 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, Seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 18 June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

146/24 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

147/24 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

148/24 - REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2025 - 2028

The Licensing Manager introduced a report which sought Member approval for the Council's draft 'Statement of Principles' made under the Gambling Act 2005, for consultation prior to submission to a meeting of Council for approval.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is responsible for issuing premises licences for casinos, bingo halls, betting offices, adult gaming centres and licensed family entertainment centres. The Council also issues permits for gaming machines in pubs, clubs and other alcohol licensed premises.

The Gambling Act 2005 imposes a statutory requirement on the District Council to prepare a Statement of Principles (Gambling Licensing Policy). The Act also requires the Council to review and republish its policy every three years. The existing policy was adopted by Council in 2022 with the current Statement of Principles due to expire on the 31st January 2025. The proposed draft statement of principles 2025-28 was therefore presented to Members for approval for consultation prior to being considered and approved by Council before the 31st January 2025.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Peter Dobbs and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the draft Statement of Principles made under the Gambling Act 2005, be approved for consultation and then submission to Full Council for final approval.
2. That, following the consultation, authority be delegated to the Director of Place and Economy to make minor amendments and alterations to the 'Statement of Principles', in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, prior to submission to Full Council.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 6.10 pm

Chair