

LICENSING & GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing & Gambling Acts Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday 21st December 2021 at 10:00 hours

PRESENT:-

Members:-Councillor Ray Heffer in the Chair

Councillors Andrew Joesbury (Vice-Chair), Maxine Dixon, Mary Dooley, Stan Fox and Rita Turner.

Officers:- Kevin Shillitto (Solicitor), Charmaine Terry (Environmental Health Team Manager - Licensing) and Tom Scott (Governance Officer).

LGAC1-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Rose Bowler, David Downes and Evonne Parkin.

LGAC2-21/22 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to be considered.

LGAC3-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

LGAC4-21/22 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing presented a report for Members to consider renewal of the Council's Policy under the Gambling Act 2005. She explained how in order to continue to comply with the Council's obligations under the Gambling Act 2005, the current policy would need to be republished four weeks prior to its expiry on 31st January 2022. However, to enable the amendments outlined in the report, a full consultation would be carried out with a view to publishing the revised policy at a later date.

Councillor Mary Dooley asked how the Licensing team would proceed if someone gave the Council an anonymous report of unlicensed activity at a licensed premises. The Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing explained that Licensing officers would always follow up reports of unlicensed activity, but anonymous complaints might take longer to process because of having nobody to report back to.

Councillor Mary Dooley referred to page 4 of the Gambling Act Local Area Profile (page 45 of the agenda pack) and requested that the paragraph that had East Midlands Designer Outlet as one of the businesses in "Shirebrook, Clowne and South Normanton" should state it as being in Pinxton. The Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing

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agreed that this would be amended.

Moved by Councillor Ray Heffer and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury
RESOLVED that (1) The Committee resolves to republish the current policy four weeks prior to its expiry date;

(2) the proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be noted,

(3) the Joint Assistant Director – Environmental Health to carry out a public consultation on the proposed amendments and,

(4) A report on the outcome of the Public Consultation be presented to a future meeting in order to consider the renewal of the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

(Assistant Director – Environmental Health/Environmental Health Team Manager –
Licensing)

The meeting concluded at 10:13 hours.