

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil** on **Tuesday 20 September 2022**.

(10.00 - 10.11 am)

Present:

Members:

Jason Baker
Jenny Kenton
Crispin Raikes

Paul Rowsell
Martin Wale

Officers

Jo Morris	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)
Michelle Mainwaring	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)
Becky Sanders	Case Officer (Strategy & Support Services)
Rachel Lloyd	Specialist (Licensing)

Note: All decisions were approved without dissent unless shown otherwise

Councillor Martin Wale chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman as an appointed Licensing Sub-Committee Chairman.

Prior to the start of the meeting a minute silence was held as a mark of respect for Queen Elizabeth II.

62. Minutes (Agenda Item 1)

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 14 June 2022 and Tuesday 12 July 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dave Bulmer, Karl Gill, Tony Lock, Pauline Lock, Kevin Messenger, Wes Read, David Recardo, Andy Soughton, and William Wallace.

64. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

During consideration of Item 6 - Councillor Jason Baker declared a personal interest as the Carnival Committee that he was a member of held a Lottery license.

65. Public Participation at Committees (Agenda Item 4)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

66. Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 5)

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Licensing Committee would be held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 2.00pm to be held at the Council Offices, Brympton Wau, Yeovil.

67. Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (Agenda Item 6)

In the absence of the Principal Licensing Specialist, the Specialist – Licensing presented the report. She explained that the Gambling Act 2005 required all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles. She advised that the unamended Statement of Principles went out to consultation with various stakeholders including licence holders and lottery registrations. No response to the consultation was received therefore the policy remained unchanged.

The Specialist – Licensing advised that the Statement of Principles set out details with regard to decision making, requirements for documentation when submitting applications and how conditions were determined for licenses and permits. Members were asked to consider and agree the Gambling Act, Statement of Principles and refer it to Full Council for final approval and implementation.

In response to a comment regarding the consultation process, the Specialist – Licensing said that the consultation had gone out to various licence holders as well as solicitors that represent applicants with applications. There had been no issues raised as part of the consultation or since the last revision of the policy.

At the conclusion of the item, members unanimously agreed the recommendations of the report.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That members considered and agreed to the Gambling Act, Statement of Principles
 2. That the Gambling Act, Statement of Principles be referred to Full Council for final approval and implementation.

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Chairman

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Date