

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at Retford Town Hall

Present: Councillor J Potts (Chair)
Councillors G Clarkson, D Depledge, T P Eaton, K Greaves, D J Merryweather,
J Naish, C Plevin, N J Sanders, J M Sanger MBE and C Tindle.

Officers in attendance: S Bacon and E Hinsley.

(Meeting opened at 6.33pm.)

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, read out the fire alarm/evacuation procedure and enquired whether any member of the public wished to film/record the meeting, however there were no members of the public present.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Coultate.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 be approved.

24. MINUTES FOR ACTION

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

25. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC

Key Decisions

26. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

a) Review of Statement of Gambling Principals - Consultation Responses 2022-2025

Members were asked to approve the draft revised statement of principles following the response to the statutory consultation.

The Committee previously approved the Draft Statement of Principles for consultation, which ended on 1st October 2021.

The Principle Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory) (PS(LR)) advised that following the response from consultees, she was recommending the removal of any references to child sexual exploitation as this extends an operator's duty beyond their statutory requirements. She further informed the Committee that the changes relating to health were based on data from Public Health England but there is no clear link between gambling and child sexual exploitation.

RESOLVED that the Draft Statement of Principles 2022-2025, minus any references to child sexual exploitation, be approved and referred to a meeting of Full Council for final approval.

Other Decisions

None

27. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 7(a) – Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence – Paragraph 1

(The meeting was paused to allow Councillor J Naish to arrive, after which, the meeting resumed.)

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

28. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

(a) **Application for Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence**

The Committee was asked to determine the application for a one-year Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The applicant was present and answered questions posed by the Committee in reference to the application.

RESOLVED that the applicant be granted a one-year Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence.

29. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT.

The PS(LR) advised that she had not been able to secure funding for taxi marshals during the festive period, however she had spoken with the Police District Commander who had assured her that there would be an increased police presence.

(Meeting closed at 7:29pm.)