

COUNCIL MEETING - 16 OCTOBER 2018

REPORT OF THE FULL LICENSING (LICENSING ACT) COMMITTEE

10 September 2018

Present: Councillors Ekins (Chairman), Harrington (Vice-Chairman), Aslam, Bell, Griffiths, Lloyd, Morrall, Scarborough, Simmons, Walia, V Waters and Ward.

Also present: Mrs A Wilcox (Principal Environmental Health Manager) and Mrs C A Mundy (Democratic Services Officer).

The meeting commenced at 1pm.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor Ekins be appointed as chairman for this full committee.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Maguire.

3. DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

4. GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY: THREE YEARLY REVIEW

The annexed circulated report of the director was received to seek approval to consult on the reviewed Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy (the policy).

The licensing authority is required under the Gambling Act to review its policy every three years. The draft policy was adopted in 2016, and the refreshed version was appended to the report, along with the proposed changes. The principal environmental health manager also circulated a further item in relation to local risk assessments.

The principal environmental health manager explained that the policy had been drafted by the Northamptonshire Licensing Liaison Group and differed very little from the existing policy. A wide-scale six week consultation period will start from 24 September 2018.

She also made reference to the 2005 Act regarding the provision of casinos and explained that local licensing authorities have the following options when deciding on the provision of new casinos:

- (i) Not adopting a 'No Casino' resolution;
- (ii) Adopting a 'No Casino' resolution; passed under Section 166 (1) of the 2005 Act.

Members debated the report and circulated local risk assessments which they considered. A discussion was also held around the adoption of a 'No Casinos' resolution which members agreed was the best way forward.

Councillor Griffiths proposed the following additional motion, which was seconded by Councillor Scarborough, and on being put to the vote declared carried:

“to support the government’s actions in reducing the maximum stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals”

RESOLVED that:

- (i) approval be given to the reviewed Gambling Act 2005 statement of licensing policy being consulted on;
- (ii) it be noted that the council support the government’s actions in reducing the maximum stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals

R1 RECOMMENDED that under Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005 approval be given to a 'No Casinos' resolution being made.

The meeting concluded at 1.10pm.

Chairman