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STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 9th September, 2025.

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Present: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillor J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair);
Councillors G. Bruce, V.P. Driscoll, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy,
M.J.G. Morgan and M.R. Wilkinson.

255 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

256 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors L. Burnett, N.B. Marshallsea and R. Sivagnanam

257 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

258 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

259 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES GAMBLING ACT 2005 – 2025-2028 (DEH) –

The report was presented by the Licensing Team Manager, who advised that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 required that a licensing authority publish a Statement of Principles governing its licensing policy for a three-year period. The current Statement was due for renewal at the end of 2025.

The report outlined the review and renewal process for 2025-2028 and a report back on the statutory consultation.

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The report detailed the prescribed process to publish the next Statement of Principles including referrals to Cabinet, and finally Council for adoption.

Following presentation of the report, in response to a Committee Member's question, the Officer advised that there were 13 betting shop-type premises currently licensed by the Authority, and a small number of amusement centre premises, in addition to that number.

Having fully considered the matter, and with no further queries, Committee subsequently:

RESOLVED – T H A T the proposed Statement of Licensing Principles for 2025-2028, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be approved and the report be referred to Cabinet and then on to Full Council for final approval.

Reason for decision

Having regard to there having been no consultation responses received, and to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duty as a Licensing Authority.