

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Licensing and Health Committee** held in the **Deben Conference Room** at **East Suffolk House, Riduna Park, Melton** on **Tuesday 9 October 2018** at **6.30pm**

**Members of the Committee present:**

M Newton (Chairman), D Savage (Vice-Chairman), J Bidwell, G Harding, C Hedgley, S Lawson, N Yeo

**Other Member present:**

S Gallant

**Officers present:**

K Abbott (Democratic Services Business Manager), T Bailey (Senior Licensing Officer), C Bing (Legal & Licensing Services Manager), C Evans (Licensing Services Manager)

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**1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

No apologies for absence had been received.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**3. Minutes**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Sex Establishment Licensing Policy**

The Licensing and Health Committee received report **LH 08/18** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health.

In introducing the report, the Cabinet Member referred to the Committee's earlier discussion of the draft policy for the licensing of sex establishments at its meeting on 16 July 2018, prior to it being approved for consultation purposes. The Committee was asked to note that the resulting consultation had been held for an eight week period between 23 July and 16 September 2018 and that no comments had been received on the draft policy.

There being no questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the report's recommendation. This was proposed, seconded and by unanimous vote

**RESOLVED:**

That the Licensing and Health Committee recommended to Full Council, at its meeting on 29 November 2018, that it adopt for immediate use the Sex Establishment Licensing Policy (as approved for consultation by the Committee on 16 July 2018)

## **5. Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Policy - Revision**

The Licensing and Health Committee received report **LH 09/18** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health.

The Cabinet Member referred to the earlier report, received at the Committee's meeting on 16 July 2018, which had proposed a draft revision of the Statement of Policy for consultation. The consultation period on the revised draft Statement of Policy had been held between 23 July and 16 September 2018 and, as agreed at the July meeting, the report before the Committee included details of any responses received to that consultation.

The Committee was asked to note that, during the consultation period, one representation from the company trading as Punch Taverns Ltd/Punch Partnerships Ltd had been received; he referred to the summary of this at Appendix A to the report (LH 09/18). The Committee was also asked to note the Licensing Officers' comments in response to each of the representations and that it was proposed that no amendment to the revised Statement of Policy was necessary. The Cabinet Member stated that he supported that recommendation.

There being no questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the report's recommendation. This was proposed, seconded and by unanimous vote

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Licensing and Health Committee recommended to Full Council, at its meeting on 29 November 2018, that, having considered the consultation response received, it adopt the revised Statement of Policy (as approved for consultation by the Committee on 16 July 2018)

## **6. Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles - Revision**

The Committee received report **LH 10/18** by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health.

In introducing the report, the Cabinet Member referred to the Committee's earlier discussion of a draft Statement of Principles at its meeting on 16 July 2018, prior to its approval for consultation purposes. The resulting consultation period had been held between 23 July and 16 September 2018 and, as agreed at the July meeting, the report before the Committee included details of any responses received to that consultation.

The Committee was asked to note that, during the consultation period, one response had been received from GamCare, a provider of information, advice and support to anyone affected by problem gambling; this had stated that GamCare was unable to read each draft

policy and, instead, it had provided flyers on its work for reference. Therefore, no representations had been received.

There being no questions or matters raised for debate, the Chairman moved to the report's recommendation. This was proposed, seconded and by unanimous vote

**RESOLVED:**

That the Licensing and Health Committee recommended to Full Council, at its meeting on 29 November 2018, that it adopt the revised Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles (as approved for consultation by the Committee on 16 July 2018)

Before the Meeting concluded, the Cabinet Member wished to record his personal thanks to the Licensing Services Manager, Mrs Caroline Evans, who would be retiring very shortly. The Cabinet Member referred to Mrs Evans' career at the Council since 2007 and commended her for her strong organisational skills, attention to detail and tireless work across both Councils. He concluded that Mrs Evans had, through her competent and cheerful approach, earned the confidence of the Licensing and Health Committee, the wider Council, the licensing trade and the public. The Chairman of the Committee, on its behalf, also thanked Mrs Evans for all her hard work and much valued assistance.

The meeting concluded at 6.44pm