

Chairman - Councillor A J Perkins

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

J A Barron	D B Price
G R Collier	J K Price
J W Farnham	W S J Taylor
A M Loughran	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr S Turner	-	Principal Solicitor
Mr R Simpson	-	Customer Services Group Manager
Mrs J Wallace	-	Licensing Officer
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

**LC1 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2016 were submitted and signed.

**LC2 Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R M Sutherland.

**LC3 Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles 2019 - 2021**

Considered the report of the Customer Services Group Manager (V1 19/10/18) in relation to a revised and updated Statement of Principles related to the Gambling Act 2005.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the proposed Statement of Principles with the Customer Services Group Manager, the Licensing Officer and the Principal Solicitor:-

- An explanation of Gamcare and how they were nationally organised
- An overview of the gambling environment in Stafford Borough
- Alarm over the prevalence of TV gambling advertising to inappropriate audiences and ways in which the Committee's concerns could be relayed to the Gambling Commission
- An explanation of the main changes to the Statement of Principles including new sections covering a Local Area Profile, a Local Risk Assessment and Child Sexual Exploitation

- The prevalence of gambling premises in areas of deprivation in the Borough
- Clarification of a “No Casino” resolution under Section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005
- Clarification of the statutory maximum period land could be used as a fair per calendar year
- The definition of Adult Gaming Centres and where they were located in the Borough
- Confirmation that the Gambling Act 2005 did give sufficient powers to the Council’s Licensing Service and generally gambling premises throughout the Borough were run responsibly
- An explanation that all the responses to the consultation would be considered after the expiry date of 9 November 2018
- Clarification that the final decision on the approval of the revised and updated Statement of Principles related to the Gambling Act 2005, would be made by Council on 20 November 2018

RESOLVED:- that:- (a) the proposed statement of policy be noted;

(b) the Licensing Committee be invited to respond to the consultation either collectively or individually;

(c) the details of any consultation responses and proposed finalised statement of principles be referred to Council at its meeting due to be held on 20 November 2018.

CHAIRMAN