

## Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 31 January 2022 in the Banqueting Hall - City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 10.20 am  
Concluded 10.30 am

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN	THE INDEPENDENTS
M Slater Cunningham Dodds S Khan	Davies	Love	Hawkesworth

Apologies: Councillors Akhtar, Ibrar Hussain, Mohsin Hussain, M Nazam and Winnard

### Councillor M Slater in the Chair

#### 5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item on the basis that her son was employed by a bookmaking organisation.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

#### 6. MINUTES

Resolved –

1. That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2 June 2021 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).
2. That the minutes of the Licensing Panels held on the following dates be signed as correct records (previously circulated):

#### Bradford District Licensing Panel

2 June 2021  
8 June 2021  
16 June 2021 (1)  
16 June 2021 (2)

29 June 2021  
4 August 2021 (1)  
4 August 2021 (2)  
26 August 2021 (1)  
26 August 2021 (2)  
21 September 2021  
25 October 2021 (1)  
25 October 2021 (2)  
27 October 2021 (1)  
27 October 2021 (2)  
17 November 2021 (1)  
17 November 2021 (2)  
18 November 2021  
16 December 2021 (1)  
16 December 2021 (2)  
5 January 2022

**Action: City Solicitor**

**7. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

**8. PROPOSED STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES 2022-2024 UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005, FOR APPROVAL BY FULL COUNCIL**

The report of the Assistant Director Waste, Fleet & Transport Services (**Document "A"**) set out the outcome of a public consultation exercise with respect to the Statement of Licensing Principles for the District, as required by the Gambling Act 2005 and proposed a final draft for recommendation for adoption by Council.

The proposed final draft policy document was appended to the report.

The report revealed that the consultation draft of the statement of licensing principles for 2022-2024, was available for public comment from 29 October 2021 to 5 December 2021. The draft document was available on the Council's website and in public libraries. Licensing officers also directly consulted relevant authorities and organisations.

It was explained that the policy document sought to reflect very detailed and substantial statutory guidance issued by the Gambling Commission under the Act. That guidance set the parameters of what could and what should not be included within local statements of licensing principles.

The main additions to the policy document were reported as follows:

Section 1

Information about the district had been updated and reference to the Bradford Council Plan 2021-2025 had been added.

## Section 8

Public Health and Gambling had been added.

The Interim Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services reported all public consultation responses and corresponding officer comments.

It was explained that it was not possible to approve a suggestion from Public Health that a representative from that organisation sit on the Bradford District Licensing Panel when gambling premises were being discussed. Whilst Public Health was not a responsible authority It had been agreed that officers would be advised of future applications.

Members were aware that a motion on Gambling had been discussed by Council at the meeting on 25 January 2022 and the resolution of that meeting was considered.

The Chair thanked the Council's Legal advisor, who would be retiring shortly, for all his help and assistance during his tenure as Chair of the Committee. All Members wished him well for the future.

### **Resolved -**

- 1. That it be recommended to Council that the document attached in Appendix 1 to Document "A" be adopted and published as the District's Statement of Licensing Principles pursuant to the Gambling Act 2005 (subject to any amendments that the Committee feels is appropriate).**
- 2. That the Interim Assistant Director Waste, Fleet & Transport Services be given delegated authority to approve any necessary amendments of a minor or drafting nature prior to formal publication.**

***Action: City Solicitor/ Interim Assistant Director, Waste, Fleet and Transport Services***

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.**