Licensing Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018

Present

Councillor Ludford (in the Chair) Councillors Chohan, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hughes, Jeavons, T. Judge, Lynch, McHale, Reid and Stone.

Apologies

Councillors Barrett, Evans and Madeleine Monaghan

LC/18/8 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 16 July 2018 were submitted for consideration.

Decision

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018.

LC/18/9 Review of Gambling Policy 2019-2021

A report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing was submitted, which presented the outcome of a public consultation on the revised Statement of the Policy under the Licensing Act 2003. The report also presented the proposed final Statement of Gambling Policy.

The Committee was informed that the consultation process had resulted in two responses being received from the Association of British Bookmakers and Gamcare. The proposed amendments and changes that had been received were considered and responded to.

Other amendments were incorporated in the proposed final version and included:

- Inclusion of Foreword by the Leader of the Council;
- Corrections to some Appendix references in the document:
- Movement of text from 3.13 relating to enforcement responsibilities of Gambling Commission into 3.10 "Compliance, enforcement and the inspection of premises";
- Replacement of outdated reference to 'Responsible Gambling Trust' with 'GambleAware' and the 'Responsible Gambling Strategy Board', in Appendix H (Other useful contacts).

Decisions

1. To endorse the proposed final Gambling Policy Statement 2019-2022 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report submitted.

- 2. To approve the proposed amendments as detailed in the report submitted.
- 3. To refer the Policy to the Council with the recommendation for approval at its meeting on 28 November 2018 and is adopted with effect from January 2019.