

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held on 9 October 2018
at 11.00 am

Present Councillors

Mrs E M Andrews, K Busch, A Bush,
R J Chesterton, Mrs F J Colthorpe,
D R Coren, Mrs G Doe, S G Flaws,
Mrs E J Slade and L D Taylor

Apologies Councillor(s)

T G Hughes and D J Knowles

Also Present Councillor(s)

C J Eginton and P J Heal

Also Present Officer(s):

Kathryn Tebbey (Group Manager for Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), Jeremy Pritchard (Lead Officer Commercial Team), Thomas Keating (Lead Licensing Officer) and Carole Oliphant (Member Services Officer)

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, CLLR P J HEAL, IN THE CHAIR) (00.00.06)

RESOLVED that Cllr D Coren be elected Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

(Proposed by Cllr G Doe and seconded by Cllr K Busch)

Cllr D Coren then took the Chair.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (00.01.39)

RESOLVED that Cllr G Doe be elected Vice -Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

(Proposed by Cllr D Coren and seconded by Cllr K Busch)

3 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (00.03.07)

Apologies received from Cllr T G Hughes and Cllr D J Knowles

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT (00.04.11)

No declarations were made.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (00.04.20)**

There were no members of the public present

6 **MINUTES (00.05.59)**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

7 **FOURTH REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (00.07.07)**

The Committee had before it and **NOTED** a *report from the Lead Licensing Officer advising how the authority would carry out its duties under the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles.

He explained that the statement had to be reviewed every three years and that this would be its fourth review. The Statement of Principles was a statutory requirement of the local licensing authority.

He further explained the main amendments to the policy which were:

- Links to up to date information included within the policy
- Local risk assessment requirements

The Lead Licensing Officer detailed the responses received as part of the consultation on the policy.

There was a general discussion about problem gambling and how the authority dealt with this. The Lead Licensing Officer explained that the local requirement for risk assessments should help deal with this, for example, line of sight to gambling machines to monitor exactly who was using them.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Statement of Principles is adopted as the new policy with the policy coming into effect from 31st January 2019.

(Proposed by Cllr E J Slade and seconded by Cllr R J Chesterton)

Note: *Report previously circulated and attached to the minutes

8 **FOURTH REVIEW OF THE LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (00.24.42)**

The Committee had before it and **NOTED** a *report from the Lead Licensing Officer advising how the authority would carry out its duties under the Licensing Act 2003.

He explained that the policy had to be reviewed every five years and that this was its fourth review. He explained that the following were now included within the policy:

- Hearing procedure document
- Pool of conditions
- Code of good practice

In response to questions the Lead Licensing Officer explained that license holders were not responsible for the conduct of patrons once they had left the premises.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the revised Licensing Policy is adopted with the policy coming into effect from 7th January 2019

(Proposed by Cllr R J Chesterton and seconded by Cllr F J Colthorpe)

Note: *Report previously circulated and attached to the minutes

(The meeting ended at 11.41 am)

CHAIRMAN