

## **LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2024**

### **Present:-**

Cllr. Nick Chapman (Chairman)

Cllr. Janet Forey

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam

Cllr. Helen Gambardella

Cllr. Paul Hartshorn

Cllr. Becca Lunn

Cllr. Roger Stead

Cllr. Jane Wolfe

### **Officers present:-**

Anna Farish

Jamie Osborne

Nicole Cramp

- Environmental Services Manager

- Licensing Team Leader

- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

### **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Royston Bayliss, Cllr. Stuart Coar, Cllr. Susan Findlay and Cllr. Matt Tomeo

### **159. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

### **160. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2023, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

## **161. INTRODUCTION OF LICENSING TEAM LEADER**

The new Licensing Team Leader introduced himself to the Committee providing a background of his previous experience and future goals for the next 12 months:

- Review of Sex Establishment policy
- Review of Street Trading policy
- Taxi use of electric vehicles
- Extended roll out of the Ask Angela scheme across Pub watch
- Continued enforcement action against taxi drivers/Licensed Premises

Cllr. Paul Hartshorn expressed his concerns surrounding the Licensing Teams ability to enforce Licensing regulations during the Councils closed hours.

The Licensing Team Leader advised that he works closely with the police and is happy to work flexibly to suit the needs of the service. He also advised that recent conversations have been taking place to review upcoming job adverts for the department to allow flexible working hours.

The Chairman, Cllr. Nick Chapman asked that the Licensing Team Leader provides an update back to the committee in approx. 6 months on how recruitment is progressing and if the introduction of flexible hours has increased the level of enforcement.

## **162. UPDATE ON TRAINING/WORK PROGRAMME**

The Licensing Team Leader advised the committee that a training session will be arranged in the new year to cover Taxi Licensing.

**163. 3 YEAR REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES**

Considered – Report of the Environmental Services Manager, presented by the Licensing Team Leader.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

1. That the draft Statement of Principles 2025 - 2028 be agreed and recommended to Council for adoption.
2. That delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Statement of Principles be given to the Group Manager for Environmental Health, Housing and Community Services in consultation with the Chair of Licensing & Regulatory Committee and Portfolio Holder for Housing, Community Safety and Environmental Services.

Reasons:

1. It is appropriate that Members of the Committee review the Statement of Principles 2025-2028 prior to its adoption by Council.
2. This is to ensure relevant changes can be incorporated into the document following minor amendments in guidance, legislation, best practice, case law or consultation response.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.00 P.M.**