LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024

Present:

Councillors Bradford, Hayes (Chair), Rollason (Vice-Chair), Dawson, Gearon and Henderson

Apologies:

Councillors Foden, Jackman, Peart and Sanders

Officers in Attendance:

Licensing Manager Legal Assistant

10. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Foden, Jackman, Peart and Sanders.

11. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and Seconded by Cllr Rollason that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record.

Resolved: The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

Cllr Hayes declared an interest in the Gambling Policy report as he does work with Newton Abbot Racecourse. As such he would not be voting on the item.

13. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Licensing Manager went through the draft Gambling Statement of Principles (previously circulated) and clarified that the Committee was being requested to recommend to Full Council for approval.

The Committee asked the Licensing Manager to clarify if the police had been consulted as they were not included on the list of consultees within the report. The Licensing Manager confirmed that they had been.

Cllr Rollason asked if the Licensing Manager could amend paragraph 7.2 on page 8 as the wording 'such objections do not relate to the licensing objectives' appeared

misleading and did not make sense, it was felt it should read 'such objections relate to the licensing objective'.

It was also noted that there was a minor spelling error on page 24 in section 5.2 where the word 'supervisor' should be 'supervised'.

The Licensing Manager further clarified points to the committee relating to the use of the word ancillary in relation to fairgrounds. The Licensing Manager also confirmed that historically the health authority hasn't been consulted but going forward they will be and their comments from other another authority's review have been taken into account.

In response to questions from members on the availability of training the Licensing Manager confirmed that whilst they can earmark training facilities and encourage training, they cannot force training to be undertaken. The Licensing Authority can point operators to the Gambling Commission as this is where the operators obtain their licences from. Therefore, they should be aware of their responsibilities before they obtain a premises licence.

The Licensing Manager also clarified for members that currently Teignbridge does not have a Local Area Profile as no issues have been raised. The Licensing Authority rarely receive new premises applications. If concerns were raised in the future, then the authority would certainly look to implement a local area profile as they would have the necessary information required to progress this.

It was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Dawson that the Statement of Policy be recommended to Full Council for approval with the following amendment:

point 7.2 on page 8 to read 'such objections relate to the licensing objective'.

A vote was taken – the result was 5 in favour, 1 abstention and 0 against.

RESOLVED that the amended Gambling Statement of Principles be recommended to Full Council for approval.

Cllr R Hayes Chair