

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

Meeting held 6 November 2018

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Josie Paszek, Andy Bainbridge, Jack Clarkson, Neale Gibson, Adam Hurst, Douglas Johnson, Mike Levery, George Lindars-Hammond, Joe Otten, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lisa Banes, Dawn Dale and Mick Rooney.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (POLICY)

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report informing Members of the results of the consultation process which had recently been undertaken on the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy), notifying them of the changes to the Statement which were being recommended and seeking approval to the revised Statement, which was attached at Appendix "C" to the report.

4.2 Shimla Finch, Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer gave a brief outline of what the Policy deals with and what it aimed to deliver. She stated that during the consultation period, 10 consultees had responded requesting amendments or proposed additions to the Policy and an overview of these were listed at Appendix "A", which was attached to the report.

4.3 Members of the Committee asked if there had been many changes made to the Policy, to which Shimla Finch responded by saying that amendments made to the Policy was attached at Appendix B of the report, there had been a further minor change which encompassed Ward boundary changes and there would be an update on the plan at paragraph 1.4 of the Policy. She added that the Licensing Service had done as much as possible to ensure that the Licensing Objectives were covered. Following concerns raised by members of the public, it was reported that over the past two years there had been two suicides related to gambling addiction, but it was reported that it was difficult to link any addiction to suicide.

4.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted, together with the comments now made; and
- (b) approves the revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy) at Appendix "C" to the report, and refers the matter to Full Council for approval.