

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Council Chamber, Allerdale House on Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 2.30 pm

Members

Councillor Ron Munby MBE (Chair)
Councillor Nicky Cockburn
Councillor Peter Gaston
Councillor Hilary Harrington
Councillor Alan Smith

Councillor Allan Daniels
Councillor Malcolm Grainger
Councillor Colin Sharpe

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Kendall, Councillor Herbert Briggs, Councillor Elaine Lynch and Councillor Anthony Markley

Staff Present

G Collinson, K Magnay and J Morgan

252. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were signed as a correct record;

Licensing Committees held on 9 February 2021 and 30 April 2021;

Licensing Panels held on 2 December 2020 and 14 January 2021;

Licensing Regulatory Panel held on 9 March 2021,

253. Declaration of Interests

None declared

254. Questions

None received.

255. Gambling Policy Review 2022-2025

The Senior Specialist Licensing and Compliance Officer submitted a report which sought members' approval of a review of the Gambling Policy 2022-2025 in line with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

A consultation had been carried out between 12 August 2021 and 30 September 2021, and members noted the responses received in Appendix 1 of the report.

Members agreed that the Senior Specialist Licensing and Compliance Officer make the amendments to the draft gambling policy 2022 – 2025, as highlighted red in the draft policy and in the schedule of responses as follows:

James Dixon - Information, Governance and Data Protection Officer, which was tabled at the meeting. To replace paragraph 6.4 with:

- The Council recognises its obligations when processing Personal Data under the UK's Data Protection regime, namely the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Where information considered personally identifiable is to be shared as part of this processing, the Council will seek to adopt practices pursuant to its own policies and procedures regarding data sharing. For further information including the Council's approach to Data Protection and how individuals may exercise their rights, consult the information published through the Council's website.
- As a Public Authority, the Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Applications for information regarding the Council's policies and procedures will be considered in accordance with FOIA to ensure suitability of disclosure.

Alex Fitzgerald - Policy Manager:

To replace paragraph 9.7 with:

- The Cumbria Intelligence Observatory has a wealth of detailed information broken down by geographical area and by theme. The Observatory website contains useful summaries on a wide range of topics such as population, economy, health, housing, poverty and deprivation. This information should all be relevant in devising a local risk assessment.

Gosschalks Solicitors:

- 9.8, to remove the sentence 'Areas that are prone to issues of youths participating in anti-social behaviour including such activities as graffiti/tagging, underage drinking etc.'
- 9.8, to remove the sentence 'Gaming trends that may mirror days for financial payments such as pay days or benefit payments.'
- Re-draft example and combine paragraphs 1 and 5 under the heading at paragraph 9.8 – **Other issues that may be considered could include** to read as follows:

Proximity of the gambling premises to all existing and new venues including places of worship which may attract or offer facilities for vulnerable groups or members of the community. Examples of which may include additional homeless hostels or gambling or mental health care/support facilities in the local area.

It was agreed that Council be recommended to approve the draft gambling policy 2022 – 2025, following the above amendments being made.

Recommended

That Council approve the draft gambling policy 2022 – 2025, following amendments being made to it by the Senior Specialist Licensing and Compliance Officer as highlighted in the schedule of responses to the draft policy.

The meeting closed at 2.59 pm