

**SPECIAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 2021 AT 4.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Bowman (Chair), Councillors Dr Davison, Meller, Mrs Mitchell, Morton, Nedved, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Sunter, Dr Tickner, Tinnion and Miss Whalen.

OFFICERS: Assistant Solicitor
Regulatory Services Manager

LC.21/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

LC.22/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted.

LC.23/21 PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was agreed that the items of business in Part A be dealt with in public and the items of business in Part B be dealt with when the public and press were excluded.

LC.24/21 GAMBLING ACT 2005 – DRAFT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Regulatory Services Manager submitted the draft Gambling Act Statement of Principles (GD.48/21).

The Regulatory Services Manager reminded the Committee that the Gambling Act 2005 required all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles that they proposed to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during the three year period to which the Policy applied. A new Policy must be published by the Authority by 4 January 2022 to take effect on 31 January 2022.

A draft Statement of Principles had been prepared for consultation and attached to the report, it was based on the requirements of the Act and the current guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. Members were asked to note that there had been a limited number of changes to regulation issued by the Secretary of State and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, none of which materially affected the contents of the current statement of principles. Although there was no statutory duty on the Licensing Authority to complete an area profile, the authority had found it useful to complete an assessment as a means of mapping out potential local areas of concern. These were shown within the Appendix to the report

Following approval, the draft statement will be consulted upon with all Responsible Authorities and persons and organisations that were consulted in the original consultation. Details will be placed on the Council website, social media throughout the consultation period and a press release prepared.

In response to the Committee's questions the Regulatory Services Manager gave an overview of the changes to the Small Society Lotteries. Referring to the consultees he explained that the list included in the report could include additional consultees if the Committee requested it and he agreed to ask the Licensing Manager to look at the quality of the maps included and update them where necessary.

RESOLVED – That the draft Gambling Act Statement of Principles (GD.48/21) be approved for formal consultation, with the inclusion of Cumbria County Council Children’s Services as a consultee, and following the consultation the Statement of Principles be resubmitted to the Licensing Committee on 27th October 2021.

[The meeting ended at 4.10pm]