

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in Committee Room 1 on **Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 2:15 pm**

PRESENT

Councillor J I Hutchinson
(Chair in the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

T Cessford
B Crosby
R Gibson
J Lang
K Parry
W Pattison
M Purvis

M Richards
G Roughead
C Seymour
A Sharp
K Stow
T S Wilson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

H Bowers
T Hardy
N Masson
D Sayer

Democratic Services Officer
Licensing Manager
Solicitor, Regulation
Business Compliance & Public Safety Manager

Press - 1
Public - 3

05. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pidcock.

06. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Wednesday 20 June 2018, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Ch.'s Initials.....

07. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

(1) Gambling Act 2005 - Review of the Statement of Principle

Members were asked to agree a policy for consideration by the County Council at its meeting on 7 November 2018.

Four responses had been received to the consultation. Officers had considered the responses and amended the draft statement accordingly.

A Member suggested that the amendments should have been highlighted in order that the changes could be seen. The Business Compliance and Public Safety Manager replied that this would be taken on board for any future amendments and best practice.

Members raised questions and comments, the key responses of which were:-

- Certain types of gaming machines could only be in a licensed premises
- Fixed odds betting terminals could only be controlled in the areas within the county.
- Internet gambling could not be controlled by the Authority
- The Licensing Objectives covered the protection of children from harm and other vulnerable adults

Councillor Gibson moved the proposal to agree which was seconded by Councillor Wilson and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that Members agree that the draft policy be forwarded for consideration by the County Council.

CHAIR:

DATE: