

# Agenda



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A meeting of the

## **Licensing Acts Committee**

will be held on Wednesday 15 MAY 2019 ON THE RISING OF THE PRECEDING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Ridgeway, The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BY

### **Members of the Committee:**

To be confirmed at the annual meeting of Council on 15 May 2019

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Reed', written in a cursive style.

Margaret Reed  
Head of Legal and Democratic

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### Council's vision

The council's vision is to take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency.

### 1. Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence.

### 2. Minutes

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To adopt and sign as a correct record the Licensing Acts Committee minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2018 attached.

### 3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### 4. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chairman determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

### 5. Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

### 6. Appointment of licensing panels

**Purpose:** to agree the appointment of licensing sub-committees to consider matters under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** to:

- appoint licensing sub-committees comprising any three members of the Licensing Acts Committee;
- appoint each member of the Licensing Acts Committee to serve on any sub-committee which is convened so as to include her or him in its membership, subject to her or him having attended appropriate training in the last 12 months;

- agree that the sub-committees be known as licensing panels;
- authorise each licensing panel to discharge all functions under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 including determining and dealing with applications for licences, certificates, temporary events and other notices and all variations, transfers, withdrawals and reviews of such matters;
- agree that wherever possible applications should be heard by a licensing panel comprising the chairman or vice-chairman of the committee plus two other members of the committee, but that this should not affect the principle that any three members of the committee will constitute a properly appointed licensing panel;
- authorise the head of legal and democratic to invite an appropriate licensing panel to conduct a scheduled hearing having regard to members' availability and eligibility to take part and ensuring that as far as possible all members of the committee have the opportunity to conduct hearings.

# Minutes

of a meeting of the

## Licensing Acts Committee

held on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 at 10:00am

at the Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon,  
OX14 4SB

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### Present:

Members: Councillors St John Dickson (Chairman), Julia Reynolds (Vice-Chairman), Mike Badcock, Charlotte Dickson, Eric Batts, Yvonne Constance, Margaret Crick, Robert Hall, Jenny Hannaby, Dudley Hoddinott and Reg Waite

Officers: Diane Foster, Abbie Mulcairn, Ron Schrieber, Laura Driscoll

### 7. Apologies for absence

None received.

### 8. Minutes

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign these as such.

### 9. Declarations of interest

None.

### 10. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None.

### 11. Public participation

None.

### 12. Gambling Policy

The committee considered the Joint Gambling Policy following the statutory consultation.

The committee noted the following minor changes to the existing policy:

- Information was included on the detail required for premises risk assessments, including for them to be kept at the premises.
- Paragraphs 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 refer to the local area profiles which were available on the council websites to assist operators in developing their risk assessments, required for the application process.
- The policy had been updated to refer to GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 and the Councils' licensing enforcement policy
- Annex 4 referred to the recent government review of gaming machines and social responsibility measures and the decision that the maximum staked on fixed odds betting terminals would be reduced from £100 to £2.

The committee also noted that the Council currently has a 'no casino' clause which was first adopted in 2006 on the basis of the rural nature of the district with market towns being an inappropriate location for a casino; that casinos were better located in large towns or cities and the council should also protect the most vulnerable people from gambling in casinos.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) To recommend Cabinet to recommend Council to:

- (i) Adopt the proposed Joint Gambling Policy
- (ii) Authorise the Head of Housing and Environment to make minor editorial changes to the Joint Gambling Policy
- (iii) Authorise the Head of Housing and Environment to publish the Joint Gambling Policy in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006.

(b) To recommend Council to:

- (i) Adopt a 'no casino' resolution under section 166 (1) of the Gambling Act 2005, meaning that any application for a casino would not be considered.

The meeting closed at 10:30am