

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Licensing Acts Committee



held on Friday 22 November 2024 at 10.00 am in
Meeting Room 1, Abbey House, Abbey Close,
Abingdon, OX14 3JE

Open to the public, including the press

Present in the meeting room:

Councillors: Ron Batstone (Chair), Patrick O'Leary (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Briggs, Neil Fawcett, Diana Lugova and Andrew Skinner
Officers: Luci Ashbourne (Democratic Services Officer) and Emily Barry (Democratic Services Officer).

Remote attendance:

Councillors: Paul Barrow and Bethia Thomas.
Officers: Laura Driscoll (Licensing Team Leader) and Diane Foster (Licensing and Community Safety Manager)

LA8 Chair's announcements

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the procedure to be followed and advised on emergency evacuation arrangements.

LA9 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kiera Bentley, Lucy Edwards, Oliver Forder and Val Shaw.

LA10 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2024 as a correct record and agree that the Chair sign these as such.

LA11 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

LA12 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

LA13 Public participation

There were no registered speakers.

LA14 Review of Joint Gambling Policy

Members considered a report from the head of communities. Officers outlined the report and noted the recommendations.

Members discussed the report and enquired whether the Council had received any applications for a casino. Officers confirmed that no applications had been received.

Members enquired whether the committee receive the annual report to the Gambling Commission. Officers confirmed that this could be included in all member updates. Members agreed this would not be necessary.

It was **RESOLVED TO** recommend to Council to:

- a.
 - i. Adopt the proposed Joint Gambling Policy
 - ii. Authorise the Head of Communities to make minor editorial changes to the Joint Gambling Policy.
 - iii. Authorise the Head of Communities to publish the Joint Gambling Policy in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales)
- b. To continue to 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 10.10 am