



Minutes

## Licensing committee

16:30 to 17:50

5 March 2020

Present: Councillors Stutely (chair), Fulton-McAlister (E) (vice chair), Ackroyd, Brociek-Coulton, Giles, Huntley, Maxwell, McCartney-Gray, Oliver, Price, Schmierer (substitute for Grahame) and Youssef.

Apologies: Councillors Grahame and Ryan

### 1. Public questions/ petitions

There were no public questions or petitions received.

### 2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2020.

### 4. Gambling Statement of Principles

The public protection manager presented the report. He clarified matters in relation to standard conditions on licences and referred to the 'Newham' model which the Norwich Statement of Principles replicated. This listed conditions which were available to use as model conditions by applicants for a gambling licence. It was not possible to impose standard conditions to applications but applicants could be asked why they had deviated from standard conditions.

Members discussed the amended Gambling Statement of Principles.

**RESOLVED** to recommend the Gambling Statement of Principles to Council subject to the following amendments:

- (1) para 2.16, (agenda page 26), update figures with more recent data from 2018;
- (2) para 9.8, (agenda page 40), add an extra point to list a) to e) as follows; areas of high deprivation;

- (3) amend paras 10.1 and 11.1, (agenda pages 50 and 51), after the words vulnerable persons, add 'such as persons with dementia'; and
- (4) amend para 9.10, C, last paragraph, (agenda page 42), after words mental impairment, add 'such as dementia' ;

## **5. Gambling policy: updated local area profile**

The environmental health and public protection manager presented the report. He advised that the Local Area Profile had been rewritten based on the models developed by Manchester City Council and Westminster City Council with the support of the Local Government Association. The Local Area Profile (LAP) as amended contained information directly related to gambling. The contents page of the document, at agenda page 91, listed key risk factors a) to l) to consider when determining the impact of gambling on a given area.

The environmental health and public protection manager advised that he had met with the chair and vice chair of the committee to discuss amendments to the LAP. The amendments had been circulated to members and were agreed.

The link to the interactive mapping tool had been circulated in advance to members to review and comment on. The environmental health and public protection manager thanked members of the committee who had commented in advance. These comments were circulated to committee members at the meeting. It was noted that schools were already included on the interactive mapping tool. Members debated if centres of worship should be included on the map and subsequent to this if community centres should be included too. The environmental health and public protection managers said that community centres would be included on the map as they were licensed premises.

The map provided much of the functionality members had requested. In reference to the use of the map for alcohol licence applications, officers emphasised that the tool was designed particularly to be used in relation to gambling and to highlight the risk factors associated with this.

Members noted that the accuracy of some of the data was an issue, for example lists of gambling establishments included those which were already closed, and that a business might close and not surrender its licence and therefore would show on the map. Further, the data which the map used was pulled from other locations and not exclusively updated by the licensing team. Updating of the data would have resource implications. Members discussed how data for the tool was updated and the frequency at which this occurred.

**RESOLVED** to recommend that council adopt the Local Area Profile and the interactive map tool to accompany the Gambling Statement of Principles subject to asking officers to make the following amendments:

- 1) to change the title of appendix 5, (agenda page 123), to 'Businesses and organisations that indicate an area where there is financial hardship' and any other references to the title including those on agenda pages 104, 105 and 106.

- 2) to split appendix 6, (agenda page 123), into two lists, the first to be a list of organisations which primarily support homeless people as follows:

- Pathway Partners
  - City reach health services, (changing on 1 April 2020 to the vulnerable adult service)
  - The Feed
  - Future projects
  - Salvation army
  - Shelter
  - YMCA Norfolk
  - Norwich City Council
  - Mental Health Services

and the second to be a list of ancillary organisations that may support homeless people;

- 3) add a new appendix listing organisations that provide financial support, to include but not limited to:

- Mancroft Advice Project
- Equal Lives
- Citizens Advice
- Norfolk Community Law Service
- Shelter
- Age UK
- Norwich Consolidated Charities
- Lillian Armitage Charity
- Norfolk assistance scheme
- Norfolk County Council Money Support Scheme

- 4) include centres of worship and community centres on the interactive mapping tool;

- 5) check the accuracy of the data used within the Local Area Profile, including that it is the most up to date data set available;

- 6) ensure data is accurately referenced;

- 7) ensure all tables of data within the LAP are accurately referenced;

- 8) ensure the prolife and tool holds an up to date and comprehensive list of GP practices;

- 9) at agenda page 93, update the data referenced from the annual gambling commission report into gambling participation to the 2019 report;

- 10) at agenda page 96, change the last sentence of the first paragraph to; 'they are not professionally facilitated';

11) at agenda page 96, to amend the second paragraph as follows:

GamCare and their counselling partner Breakeven are the leading national provider of free information, advice and support for anyone affected by problem gambling. They offer free treatment to those who gamble and those adversely affected by the gambling of a family member or friend (provided by experienced counsellors who are trained specialists working with problem gambling).

12) at agenda page 97, footnote 13, reference to narcotics anonymous, include also data gathered from alcoholics anonymous;

13) at agenda page 99, last paragraph, the last sentence change 'the table' to 'figure 4';

14) at agenda page 101, the second bullet point, change to Community Services, Central Norfolk: Child, Family and Young People's Service;

15) at agenda pages 102 and 103, add in references to both tables to show where the data has come from;

16) at agenda page 102, amend the reference to highlighted figures to the Norwich average;

17) at agenda page 104, second paragraph, remove the last two words 'financial hardship';

18) at agenda page 105, the first sentence, remove the word 'below';

19) at agenda page 105, remove the second sentence;

20) at agenda page 105, remove footnote 23;

21) at agenda page 110, under the heading, unemployment, update data referenced from the British Gambling Survey to 2016 survey;

22) at agenda page 111, under the heading, rough sleeping, in the first paragraph, update the rough sleeping figure to 2019 data;

23) at agenda page 112, under the heading, ethnic groups, add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph; 'Although noting people from white backgrounds had a greater frequency of gambling'.

## **6. Standing item – Regulatory subcommittee minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the amended minutes of the regulatory subcommittee meeting held on 13 May 2019 and the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020.

CHAIR

