



**Informal Licensing Committee**

**14:05 to 15:10**

**06 February 2023**

Present: Councillors Stutely (chair), Catt, Grahame, Kidman, Price and Schmierer

Apologies: Councillors Ackroyd, Brociek-Coulton, Davis, Fulton-McAlister (E), Huntley, Peek and Sands (S)

**1. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. Gambling statement of principles (gambling policy)**

The public protection (licensing) team leader presented the report and the following suggestions were made by members of the committee:

- Agenda page 26, paragraph 9.10 could a reference to the Local Area Profile be added in with a short description of what to find in profile and an electronic link to profile included.
- Members concerned regarding advertising outside of premises and the prevention of harm to young people and the vulnerable and wanted to limit exposure of advertising to the public. This falls within the remit of the Gambling Commission. Members were interested to know if nationwide chains operating in area had a local policy in relation to advertising and agreed licensing team leader would seek to find out.
- Agenda page 67, members queried if the legislation in relation to gambling machines had been updated, the policy referred to January 2014, could it be checked as members considered legislation updated in 2019.
- Agenda page 14, paragraph 2.12, could mental health agencies be added to the list of consultees.
- Agenda page 15, paragraph 2.15, could links be improved.
- Members discussed to what extent premises required to provide assistance where a person with a problem was identified, this was again the purview of the gambling commission and it was agreed that the public protection (licensing) team leader (PPLTL) would circulate a copy of the gambling commissions code of practice.
- Gambling establishments are required to have policies and procedures in place to identify and assist problem gamblers, members interested to know how many referrals for assistance made from each premise. The PPLTL advised not in the council's remit in terms of The Gambling Statement of Principles but officers could ask the question.

- One measure is that problem gamblers can choose to self-exclude from a venue, members expressed an interest in knowing how many people have chosen to self exclude from venues. The PPLTL advised businesses may not have Norwich particular figures but rather for their company in general but can ask question.
- Agenda page 30, bullet point 2, amend to challenge 25 policy.
- Agenda page 23, the last sentence on Part A, can it be made more explicit that the Licensing Authority not involved in licensing remote gambling.
- Members discussed the Local Area Profile, the PPLTL advised that the data it included was refreshed quarterly. Members asked for detail on premises licences in the city, what the licence was for and complete set of conditions attached too.

**RESOLVED** to note the draft gambling statement of principles (gambling policy)

CHAIR