



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

### **County Borough Councillors - Licensing Committee Members in attendance:-**

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor D Williams	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor S Powderhill	Councillor E Webster
Councillor T Williams	Councillor W Lewis
Councillor S Morgans	Councillor A Cox
Councillor L Jones	Councillor P Howe

### **Officers in attendance:-**

Ms L Davies, Head of Public Protection  
Mr G Black, Community Safety and Licensing Manager  
Mr P Nicholls, Head of Legal - Litigation, Planning & Environment, Community & Children's Services  
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager  
Mr N Evans, Licensing Enforcement Officer  
PC Whittle - South Wales Police

### **County Borough Councillors in attendance:-**

Councillor R Lewis

#### **11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

#### **12 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT**

It was **RESOLVED** to note that when Members determine the licensing and registration matters before them, they have a duty not to act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights and the Crime and Disorder Act.

#### **13 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

#### **14 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVISION OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (LOCAL POLICY) 2019 - 2021**

The Head of Public Protection provided Members with the report outlining the

revised Statement of Principles, under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005 for the period 2019 – 2021 in accordance with statutory requirements.

The officer advised that it is a statutory requirement to review the Statement of Principles on a three year basis and as a result, the current Statement had therefore been subject to review. Members learned that the Gambling Commission have set out in their Statutory Guidance both the format and content of the Statement of Principles which is considered to be the most effective method of assessing the policy documents and comparing across the Local Authorities.

The officer explained that a consultation period had taken place from 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and Members were pleased to learn that it included various forms of contact with interested parties including a published notice on the Council's website and social media pages.

Members raised concerns in respect of online gambling and queried whether the authority has the power to regulate it. Officers explained that online gambling sits within the power of the Gambling Commission who were looking at ways to strengthen the online age verification process for the websites.

Members drew attention to an error on section 33.4 of the Draft Statement of Principles Report and the officer assured that this would be amended.

The Chair advised that should Members approve the report, it would be presented to full Council for adoption at a future date which had not yet been confirmed, so as a result, recommendation 2.2 of the report would need to be amended slightly, to remove the inclusion of '24<sup>th</sup> October, 2018'.

Following discussion, Members **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the revisions to the policy as advocated by the Director of Public Health, Protection and Community Services and;
- To commend the revised Statement of Principles to Council for adoption.

**15 TO CONSIDER THE LICENCES & REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISION OF DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE PERIOD:25.06.18 - 26.08.16**

The Head of Public Protection presented Members with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and it was **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

**16 TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**17 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSING AND/OR REGISTRATION:**

The Head of Public Protection set out details of the following application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence.

In accordance with adopted procedures, Members received Mr SLP of Porth whose application for grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence was before Committee.

Following consideration of the report and the evidence before them, the Committee **RESOLVED** to Grant the application subject to the usual standard terms and conditions; with a warning regarding future conduct.

**(Note:** Prior to the Applicant leaving, the Chairman emphasised the need to have due regard to the warning issued by the Committee as failure to do so, may affect the determination of future applications.)

**18 ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY (INCLUDING APPEAL/PROSECUTION DATA)  
FOR THE PERIOD 30.6.18 TO 31.8.18**

The Head of Public Protection provided Members with the report outlining the most recent enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

Following consideration of the report, the Committee **RESOLVED** to note its content.

**19 SUMMARY OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER PROVISION OF DELEGATED  
AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD 25.06.18 - 26.08.18**

The Head of Public Protection provided Members with the report outlining the Licences and/or registrations issued under the provisions of Delegated Authority for the period 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 to 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

Following consideration of the report, the Committee **RESOLVED** to note its content.

**This meeting closed at 5.45 pm**

**CLLR A FOX  
CHAIR.**