

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD IN BRITTEN ROOM - ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH ON FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Nick Ridley - Chair

Sue Ayres
Kathryn Grandon
John Nunn
Fenella Swan

Tom Burrows
Richard Kemp
Ray Smith

1 SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors Carpendale and Dawson.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3 BLR/17/1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 10 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

4 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

None received.

5 BLR/17/2 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS (FOBTS) - GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON GAMING MACHINES AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MEASURES

5.1 The Licensing Officer presented paper BLR/17/2 advising Members of the current consultation exercise being undertaken by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport ("DCMS") on proposed changes to Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures, which includes the issues surrounding Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs), classified as category B2 gaming machines under the Gambling Act 2005 in betting shops. Members were asked to consider whether they wished to make comment on the Government consultation paper.

5.2 During the course of the discussion, Members agreed that the maximum stake on FOBTs should be reduced from £100 to £2. There was concern about the increase in and regulation of gambling advertising on television, online and at public events.

- 5.3 It was agreed that a submission be prepared by the Licensing Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair to include the following responses to the questions in the consultation document:

Q1 – Option 4
Q2-Q7 – Yes
Q8 – Yes
Q9 – Yes
Q10 – Yes
Q11-Q13 – Yes
Q14 – Yes
Q15 – Yes
Q16 – No

RESOLVED

- 1. That the content of paper BLR/17/2 and the consultation document attached as Appendix A be noted.**
- 2. That a response to the Government consultation be prepared by officers in consultation with the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.**

6 BLR/17/3 CROSS-BORDER HIRING OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

- 6.1 The Licensing Officer presented his report (Paper BLR/17/3) advising Members of a letter received from the Deputy Mayor of Transport for London (TFL) raising concerns about cross border hiring of taxi and private hire vehicles, a rapidly growing issue for local authorities nationally.
- 6.2 During the course of the discussion, Members generally agreed that they did not wish to lobby the LGA and the DFT at this time. It was agreed that the current taxi and private hire legislation was very outdated and noted that the new dedicated Taxi Bill was still awaited. It was noted that the LGA have set up a working group with the Minister of State John Hayes MP to discuss cross-border matters and other related issues and that the long-term aim is for a national licensing database and national licensing conditions which can be enforced irrespective of where the driver and vehicle are licensed.
- 6.3 It was agreed that a letter be sent to the LGA in support of the working group and requesting that they also push forward with the new Bill as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the content of the report and letter received from the TFL be noted.**
- 2. That the Committee does not wish to lobby the LGA and the DFT on cross border hiring and other associated taxi and private hire vehicle matters.**

- 3. That a letter be sent to the LGA in support of the working group and requesting that they also push forward with the new Taxi Bill as soon as possible.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.00 am

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Chair