

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held in the Frink Room (Elisabeth) - Endeavour House on Friday, 10 December 2021 at 9.30am

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor: Margaret Maybury (Chair)

Councillors: Sue Ayres Trevor Cresswell  
Siân Dawson

### **In attendance:**

Officers: Legal Advisor (ND)  
Assistant Director - Environment & Commercial Partnerships (CC)  
Assistant Manager – Food, Safety & Licensing (JW)  
Licensing Officer (KG)  
Civic Officer & Governance Support (KS)  
Member Support Officer (MS)  
Trainee Governance Officer (BW)

### **Apologies:**

Peter Beer  
Sue Carpendale (Vice-Chair)  
Jane Gould  
Kathryn Grandon  
Mark Newman  
John Nunn

## **20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

20.1 There were no declarations of interest.

## **21 BLR/21/10 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2021**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2021 be confirmed and signed as a true record.**

## **22 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME**

22.1 None received.

## **23 QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

23.1 None received.

**24 BLR/21/11 GAMBLING ACT 2005: 'NO CASINO' RESOLUTION**

24.1 Katherine Green, Licensing Officer presented Paper BLR/21/11 to the Committee. The Licensing Officer referred to the amendments to the report and revised options and recommendation contained in the tabled addendum.

24.2 The report asked the Committee to note the evidence base research contained within the report in regard to a 'No Casino' resolution, under section 166 of the Gambling Act 2005, and to consider whether a 'No Casino' resolution should be recommended to Council or whether no action should be taken.

24.3 During the questions from members, the Licensing Officer confirmed that there had never been any applications for a casino in the Babergh area. The Chair further confirmed that the full allocation for casinos has been granted and that it would need a suitable economic climate and the political will of government for the Secretary of State to lay legislation for a further allocation of casinos.

24.4 During the debate, it was further confirmed that there would be a requirement for Babergh to bid on such an allocation if another provision of casinos were ever to become available.

24.5 Nigel Dulieu, Legal Advisor and Cassandra Clements, Assistant Director outlined the three Options in the tabled addendum.

24.6 Cllr Cresswell **PROPOSED** Option 3, and this was **SECONDED** by Councillor Ayres.

24.7 By a unanimous vote,

**It was RESOLVED:**

**That in considering the evidence, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee are of the opinion that no action should be taken regarding this matter.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.55am.

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Chair