



**Minutes of a meeting of Planning and Licensing Committee held on Wednesday,
13 November 2024**

Members present:

Ray Brassington - Chair	Patrick Coleman – Vice Chair	
Michael Vann	Gary Selwyn	Daryl Corps
Mark Harris	Julia Judd	Andrew Maclean
Ian Watson	David Fowles	

Officers present:

Ana Prelici, Governance Officer	Kevin Dunford, Licensing Officer
Mandy Fathers, Business Manager for Environmental, Welfare and Revenue Service	

61 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Dilys Neill.

62 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

63 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

64 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November were considered. There were no amendments to the minutes.

The proposal to accept the minutes was proposed by Councillor Andrew Maclean and seconded by Councillor Gary Selwyn.

Minutes of previous meeting (Resolution)

RESOLVED: That the Planning and Licensing Committee APPROVED the minutes as a correct record.

For	Ray Brassington, Patrick Coleman, Daryl Corps, David Fowles, Mark Harris, Julia Judd, Andrew Maclean, Gary Selwyn, Michael Vann and Ian Watson	10
Against	None	0
Conflict Of Interests	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Carried		

65 Chair's Announcements

The Chair stated that Ana Prelici, the Committee's Clerk was leaving the Council due to an external promotion. The Chair thanked her for her work and wished her the best for the future.

66 Public questions

There were no public questions.

67 Member questions

There were no Member questions.

68 Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy) Review 2024

The Business Manager for Environmental, Welfare and Revenues introduced the item.

They explained that a statutory consultation had been carried out, after which it was decided to make a 'no casino' resolution.

This recommendation had also been made in 2006 and subsequently, Council had resolved that this be renewed at meetings in 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2022, in line with the requirement to review this once every three years.

Members discussed the report, suggesting the following corrections and additions to the report, which the Business Manager stated they would include before consideration at Full Council;

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- The Licensing Officer confirmed that ‘Intelligence’ in ‘Intelligence based inspection programme’ referred to police intelligence. This would be explicitly defined within the report.
- The definition of “young person” to be included.
- The definition of the machine categories (i.e. A, B, C etc.) would be included.

Members also asked the following questions;

- Whether online betting was included within this. The Business Manager explained that this was regulated by the gambling commission.
- How many applications for casinos were received. The Licensing Officer said that there were very few, estimating approximately one every few years.
- What ‘adult gaming centres’ were. The Licensing Officer explained this was ‘fruit machine’ type gambling, in sectioned off areas, for instance, in service stations.

Members thanked Officers for their work on the policy and highlighted the importance that these policies be as transparent as possible.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Patrick Coleman and seconded by Councillor Julia Judd.

Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (Policy) Review 2024 (Resolution)		
RESOLVED: That the Planning and Licensing Committee RECOMMENDED to Full Council to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Statement of Principles; and, 2. Adopt a “no-casino resolution” for inclusions in the published Gambling Act 2005 Licensing Policy Statement. 		
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Against	None	0
Conflict Of Interests	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Carried		

69 Sites Inspection Briefing

No Sites Inspection Briefing was needed.

70 Licensing Sub-Committee

No Licensing Sub-Committee was needed.

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The Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 2.20 pm

Chair

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