

MEETING:	General Licensing Regulatory Board
DATE:	Wednesday 15 February 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillors Green (Chair), Bowser, Cherryholme, Clarke, Danforth, K. Dyson, Lodge, Markham, Osborne, Shepherd, White and Williams

11 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Shepherd declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of the items on the agenda.

12 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Licensing Regulatory Board meeting held on 21 December 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

13 Statement of Gambling Policy Review Consultation 2022/23

A report of the Service Director Law and Governance was submitted which informed Members of the Statement of Gambling Policy Review Consultation responses and sought the views and recommendations in relation to the same for Cabinet and Full Council.

Members recalled that as a Licensing Authority, a Statement of Gambling Policy must be determined and published at least once every 3 years.

The statutory consultation for the Statement of Gambling Policy had ran for 10 weeks from 28 October 2022 until 6 January 2023, and a total of 3 responses had been received.

The Senior Licensing Officer provided a series of comprehensive responses to the questions raised by Members.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) Members considered the draft Statement of Gambling Policy and the consultation responses received and contained within the body of the report.
- ii) The draft Statement of Gambling Policy be submitted for consideration and approval to Cabinet and Full Council.

14 Licensing and Enforcement Update

Members were provided with an overview of the enforcement work that had recently been undertaken by Licensing Officers, which was presented by the Senior Licensing Officer.

Members were advised that on 24 January 2023 Licensing Enforcement Officers had taken part in a daytime operation which had focused on Private Hire drivers and vehicles that worked in the day time economy. A total of 21 licensed vehicles and drivers had been inspected on the day, the results of which were detailed below:-

- 7 vehicles were suspended for failing to display the required door signage.
- 1 vehicle was suspended for an inoperative front offside side light.
- 1 vehicle was suspended for failing to display the required front private hire licence plate.
- 3 written warnings were issued to drivers for failing to carry out their daily vehicle inspection checks.
- 6 drivers were also spoken to about the signage on the vehicles and reminded of the required standard.

Following a request made by Members at the last General Licensing Regulatory Board meeting held on 21 December 2022, paper copies of the daily vehicle inspection check booklets were circulated for Members' perusal.

RESOLVED that Members noted the update.

Chair