

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held in the John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE, on Wednesday, 4 December 2024 at 10.00 am

**Present:**

Cllr Marcus Kravis (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Tony Lock  
Cllr Connor Payne

Cllr Martin Lovell  
Cllr Andy Soughton

**42 Apologies for Absence - Agenda Item 1**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Simon Coles, Hugh Davies, Lance Duddridge, Mike Murphy and Brian Smedley.

Councillors Simon Carswell, Peter Clayton, Tom Power and Tony Robbins attended the meeting online.

**43 Minutes from the Previous Meeting - Agenda Item 2**

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 24 June 2024 were approved.

**44 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 3**

Cllr Marcus Kravis declared an interest in that he held a Bingo Licence.

Cllr Simon Carswell declared an interest in that he held a Gambling Licence.

**45 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 4**

No questions or statements were received

**46 Review of Statement of Principles - Agenda Item 5**

The Licensing Manager, John Rendell, introduced the report which stated that Somerset Council's current Statement of Principles in respect of the Gambling Act

2005 had been adopted in January 2024.

However, the Statement of Principles needed to be re-adopted again at this time to ensure it was entirely consistent with the Act and therefore not vulnerable to legal challenge.

The Officer confirmed there had been no changes to the Statement and recommended that the current Statement be republished.

During the discussion, the Members the current Statement had been considered thoroughly in January 2024.

Members further noted it may be necessary to make changes to the Statement in the near future but for now the current Statement could be republished without change.

Cllr Tony Lock proposed that the Committee recommend to Full Council that the Statement of Principles published at Appendix 1 of the report be published for a 3-year period, ending on 31 January 2028. This was seconded by Cllr Andy Soughton, and carried unanimously.

## **RESOLVED**

To recommend to Full Council that the Statement of Principles published at Appendix 1 of the report be published for a 3-year period, ending on 31 January 2028.

**(The meeting ended at 10.10 am)**

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**CHAIR**