

Cherwell District Council

Licensing Acts Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Acts Committee held at 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD, on 9 July 2025 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillor Rebecca Biegel (Chair)
Councillor Fiaz Ahmed (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Dr Henry Elugwu
Councillor Robert Parkinson
Councillor Chris Pruden
Councillor Barry Wood

Substitute Members:

Councillor Lynne Parsons (In place of Councillor Andrew Crichton)

Apologies for absence:

Councillor Phil Chapman
Councillor Andrew Crichton
Councillor Lesley McLean
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor John Willett

Officers:

Jan Southgate, Health Protection, Compliance & Licensing Manager
Denzil Turbervill, Head of Legal Services
Aaron Hetherington, Principal Officer - Electoral Services Lead
Patrick Davis, Democratic and Elections Officer

Officers Attending Virtually:

Christine Pegler, Lead Licensing Enforcement Officer

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

5 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 May 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6 **Chair's Announcements**

The Chair advised the Committee that a meeting of the General Licensing Committee had been scheduled for the 22 October 2025 at 6.30pm. A meeting request would be sent out in due course.

7 **Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2025**

The Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager submitted a report to consider the Council's updated Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 and to recommend its adoption at Full Council.

In introducing the report, the Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager advised the Committee that it was a requirement of the Gambling Act 2005 that each Licensing Authority reviewed its Gambling Act Statement of Policy every three years and that the Council had last reviewed its policy in 2022. During the latest required review changes had been made to the population figures in the policy.

The updated 2025 policy had been put out for trade and public consultation between 12 January and 14 February 2025. Representations received had been considered and some amendments made to the policy post consultation. The changes made to the policy do not amount to a change in approach by the Licensing department and do not place additional requirements or costs on applicants or license holders.

In response to a query regarding the revision log, the Health Protection, Compliance and Licensing Manager confirmed this would be updated to reflect the adoption of the 2021 draft policy by Full Council on 28 February 2022.

Resolved

- (1) That the draft Gambling Act Statement of Licensing Policy 2025 be approved and recommended for adoption at Full Council.

The meeting ended at 6.41 pm

Chair:

Date: