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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 3 JULY 2025

Jenny Bryce-Chan

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Chair

Councillor Eric Firth

Councillors Attended

Councillor Zarina Amin

Councillor Donna Bellamy

Councillor Charles Greaves

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Councillor Alex Vickers

Attendees

Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader

Russell Williams, Operational Manager, Public Protection

Tahir Hanif, Legal Advisor to the Committee

Apologies

Councillor Ali Arshad, Councillor Paola Antonia Davies and Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton

1 Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting and details of substitutions and for whom they are attending. to the Committee membership.

Apologies were received from Councillor V Lees-Hamilton, Councillor P Davies and Councillor A Arshad.

Councillor J Lawson attended as sub on behalf of Councillor A Arshad.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 18th December 2024.

RESOLVED -

That the meeting held on 18th December 2024 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declaration of Interests

Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Board.

All items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

No public questions were asked.

7 Review of the Council's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the results of the consultation on the Council's draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles and for members to make a recommendation to Council for its adoption.

Contact: Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader, Licensing – 01484 221000

RESOLVED -

That the proposed draft of the Council's Gambling Act 2025, Statement of Licensing Principles 2025-2028, be formally submitted to Council on 16th July 2025.

8 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Specification Policy Review

This is a follow up report following the decision made by members of the Licensing and Safety Committee meeting on Wednesday 14th February 2024.

Contact: Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader, Licensing – 01484 221000

RESOLVED -

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Specification Policy be adopted.

9 Licensing Services Update Report

The purpose of the report is to inform members of the activities undertaken to discharge the Council's licensing functions from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Contact: Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader, Licensing – 01484 221000

RESOLVED -

That the Licensing Service Update Report be noted.
