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Cleobury Mortimer Town Council

Observations of Policy as seen at local level.

1) Late licencing is a risk for more gambling and slot machines to be used, 11.30pm is late enough for a Public House Licence to mitigate risk. Problem gambling, misuse of drugs and exploitation as listed in item 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7,6 is exacerbated if allowed way past normal closing times. Also looking at 10.9 and 10.10.

2) Are 10.17 Risk assessments being done, checked and shared? Nice to have a policy but action is also needed.

3) In part 2 Licencing principals 12.1 is very important that it is looked at when licencing a premises, as some seem not to adhere to the functions of the council set out in its policy and principles set out in section 153 of the Act and using 13.8 to determine.

12.0 Council licencing functions

12.1 The Council seeks to ensure that gambling facilities are suitable and that gambling activities are conducted in such a manner to minimise the risks to the licensing objectives. The specific regulatory functions of the Council, including the activities that the Council is able to licence, as it relates to the licensing of gambling establishments and activities for which it has responsibility are: • licencing premises where gambling activities take place by issuing premises licences, including provisional statements • regulating gaming and gaming machines in members' clubs and miners' welfare institutes by issuing club gaming permits and/or club machine permits • regulating gaming machines in commercial clubs by issuing club machine permits • granting permits to family entertainment centres for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines • regulating gaming and gaming machines on alcohol licensed premises by receiving notifications for the use of two or fewer gaming machines • regulating gaming machines on alcohol licensed premises by issuing gaming machine permits where there are more than two gaming machines • granting permits for prize gaming • registering societies to allow them to hold small society lotteries; • receiving and endorsing temporary use notices • receiving occasional use notices • providing information to the Gambling Commission regarding details of licences/permits issued (see information exchange) APPENDIX 1 Strategic Licensing Committee Report 09/07/2021 – Consultation on the Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2022 to 2025 22 • maintaining registers of the licences and permits issued • setting and collecting licence/permit fees • inspection, compliance and enforcement locally in relation to licences, permits and permissions issued under the above functions

4) Item 17.6 is very important and checked on spec if misuse has been identified 24.2. Under 19.7 the council has the power to act and should do such in a timely manner.

Suggested to add.

5) Period of Licence 38.6 page 54.

If the holder continues to ignore warnings about anti-social behaviour or criminal actions as deemed by the correct authority working with the police, the authority will take steps to remove the licence.