

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 11th November, 2021 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Weeks, John Bishop, Gary Grindal, Sam Collins, Lisa Nash and Kay Tart.

2 MINUTES - 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23 September 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded and live streamed to the Council's YouTube channel;
- (2) Members were reminded that this Council had declared a Climate Emergency. This was a serious decision and meant that, as this was an emergency, all of us, officers and Members had that in mind as we carried out our various roles and tasks for the benefit of our District.
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question;
- (4) Members were reminded that the normal rules of debate and speaking times would apply;
- (5) Members were reminded that a special meeting of Council was to be called for 7 December to discuss the results of the public consultation on the Electoral Cycle.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

6 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no motions on notice.

7 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Two questions were submitted by Members of the Council in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.11 (b).

Councillor David Levett asked a question of Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg (Leader of the Council)

Councillor Mike Hughson asked a question of Councillor Ian Albert (Executive Member for Finance & IT)

8 ITEMS REFERRED FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

8(a) Referral from Licensing and Regulation Committee: Statement of Gambling Licensing Principles 2022-2025.

The Chair advised that referral 8(a) would be taken with agenda item 9.

9 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING PRINCIPLES

Councillor Daniel Allen presented referral 8a from the Licensing and Regulation Committee.

RESOLVED: That Council adopts the Statement of Gambling Licensing Principles 2022-2025 as attached at Appendix A.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- (1) Licensing authorities are required to publish a policy every three years by virtue of section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act").
- (2) A new policy must be published by 3 January 2022 to comply with this statutory requirement.
- (3) The Policy builds on the effectiveness of the existing policy with minor amendments to reflect changes in legislation, statutory guidance, consultation responses and an updated local area profile.

10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (1) Approves the changes made under Delegated Decision 21 October 2021 (subject to title of Revenues Manager being amended); and
- (2) Approves the further amendments set out in section 7 and 8.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure the Constitution remains up to date, and continues to improve its working practices where legally possible.

11 INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That Council agrees to there being an independent person on the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee.
- (2) That Council instructs the Service Director: Legal and Community to make the required changes to the constitution.
- (3) That the Service Director: Resources is instructed to recruit to the position, in consultation with the Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

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- (4) That the IRP be asked to consider an appropriate allowance for this role as part of their consideration of Members Allowances.

REASON FOR DECISION: To allow the Council to conform to best practice.

12 USE OF URGENCY IN RELATION TO CALL-IN FOR DECISION ON BUSINESS RATE POOLING

RESOLVED: That Council notes the use of urgency provisions in relation to the Business Rate Pooling decision made by Cabinet on 8 October 2021.