Minutes of a meeting of the Worthing Licensing and Control Committee B 30 September 2019 at 6.30 pm

Councillor Sean McDonald (Chairman) Councillor Charles James (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mike Barrett Councillor Keith Bickers Councillor Ferdousi Henna Chowdhury Councillor Martin McCabe Councillor Jane Sim Councillor Dawn Smith Councillor Sally Smith Councillor Nicola Waight Councillor Steve Wills

# Absent

Councillor Karen Harman, Councillor Richard Mulholland, Councillor Louise Murphy and Councillor Paul Westover

# LCCB/7/19-20 Declaration of Interest / substitute members

There were no declarations of interest

### LCCB/8/19-20 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Licensing Control Sub Committee held on the 7 March 2019, 22 May 2019 and the 20 August 2019 be approved as the correct record and be signed by the Chairman

### LCCB/9/19-20 Public question time

There were no questions from the public

# LCCB/10/19-20 Gambling Act 2005 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which was circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 3. The report before members invited them to review the draft statement of Gambling Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to the Committee and set out the legislative background to the report and summarised the consultation responses which had been supplied to the Committee. A late representation had also been received from legal services (a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes).

The Committee discussed the report and agreed to the changes proposed in the report and the representation from the legal services department. In addition there were some changes agreed to an annex in the report referring to a study conducted by Leeds University with references to mental ill-health being amended to 'mental health issues' and 'mentally distressed' respectively and that where the document referred to homeless it should also state 'and insecurely housed'. There would also need to be an additional sentence before para 30.5 stating 'some of this research is listed below'.

Members supported the document and lauded the importance of the policy and its role in regulating the subject matter of the document

**Resolved:** that the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy as amended be recommended to Council for approval

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm