

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Worthing Licensing and Control Committee
25 November 2024
at 6.30 pm**

Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies (Chair)
Councillor Lysanne Skinner (Vice-Chair)

*Councillor Mike Barrett	Councillor Richard Nowak
Councillor Henna Chowdhury	Councillor Dale Overton
*Councillor Tom Ellum	Councillor Jon Roser
*Councillor Josh Harris	*Councillor Hilary Schan
Councillor Claire Hunt	Councillor Dawn Smith
Councillor Charles James	Councillor Thomas Taylor

***Absent**

LCC/7/24-25 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

Councillor Richard Nowak declared that he was the Chair of Worthing Community Chest, an organisation that held a licence.

Councillor Jon Roser declared he was on the Board of Worthing Community Chest, an organisation that held a licence.

There were no substitute Members.

LCC/8/24-25 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

LCC/9/24-25 Members Questions

There were no questions from Members.

LCC/10/24-25 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 23 September 2024 be approved as the correct record.

LCC/11/24-25 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and clarified for Members that there was an error on page 7 of the report. At 7.1 where it reads '189 permits & registrations' it should read '121 permits & registrations'.

In response to Members' questions the Officer confirmed that the policy did include gambling machines in pubs. He also explained that if the pub had more than two machines they would require a gaming permit which entailed a fee. Members expressed concern regarding harm that gambling addiction could cause and enquired what the policy does to address this. The Officer explained that there were links within the policy to profiles and signposted the Committee to Part E of the policy which dealt with Health and Wellbeing.

Members concurred that the introduction of Challenge 25 within the policy was a welcome addition. Members discussed various aspects of the policies approach to problem gambling and what a public health stratagem could look like.

The Licensing Officer explained the resource constraints of the Council and clarified for Members that we no longer have a high density of gambling premises in Worthing as online gambling had largely taken over from these. He confirmed that online Gambling is the sole responsibility of the Gambling Commission.

The Officers recommendations were that the Committee reviewed the draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 and invited the Council to endorse its recommendations and adopt an updated policy to come into force on 31 January 2025.

A proposal was made to accept these recommendations which was seconded and voted in favour of unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7.08 pm

Chair