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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote attendance on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)
County Councillor Jayne McKenna (Vice-Chair)

County Councillors: Lisa Dymock, Tony Easson,
Christopher Edwards, Jane Lucas, Alistair Neill, Sue Riley,
Dale Rooke, Jackie Strong and Armand Watts

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

County Councillor Simon Howarth

1. Declarations of interest

None received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee Meeting dated 9th July 2024 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

3. Statement of Gambling Policy and Proposals for Casinos

We considered the approach to be adopted by Monmouthshire County Council with regard to casino premises applications within the County and the proposed 'Draft Statement of Gambling Policy 2025' prior to submission to Full Council.

https://www.youtube.com/live/_JltSL8GE24?si=Ji66ZmeB-G--IRgJ&t=77

We resolved:

- (i) to support the retention of the current resolution not to issue casino licences within the County of Monmouthshire prior to it being considered at Full Council.
- (ii) to support the proposed updated Gambling Policy statement for the period 31st January 2025 to 30th January 2028. This Policy will be considered at Full Council in October 2024.

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4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

We excluded the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. To consider whether the driver is "Fit and Proper" to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Committee resolved to defer consideration of the matter to a Special Meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee in due course.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.40 am.