

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 11th SEPTEMBER 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

1. GAMBLING ACT 2005 –REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

In accordance with the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005, the Council is required to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles every three years. The Council's current Statement of Principles took effect on 31st January 2016.

At the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 12th March 2018, Members considered a report and approved the draft revised Statement of Principles for the purpose of consultation. The results of the consultation were reported back to Licensing Committee Members at the meeting held on 11th September 2018, as detailed at **Appendix 1**.

Licensing Committee Members were asked to consider the results of the consultation and the draft revised Statement of Principles, as detailed at **Appendix 2**, which had been amended accordingly; as a result of the consultation responses received.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that:-

- a) **the revised Statement of Principles, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved; and**
- b) **that the Statement of Principles be published by 31st January 2019.**

2. ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT LICENSING REFORMS

At the Licensing Committee meeting held on 11th June 2018, Licensing Committee Members considered a report on the upcoming reforms that were being made in relation to the licensing of various animal-related establishments as a result of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, as detailed at **Appendices 1 and 2**.

Following on from the initial report, on 11th September 2018, Licensing Committee Members were asked to consider recommending the changes to the Worcestershire Shared Services Agreement, dated 1st April 2016; and the proposed fees and charges for the new "Animal Activity Licence" which had been calculated on a cost recovery basis, as detailed at **Appendix 3**.

In order to be able to successfully implement the regulations as from **1st October 2018**, it is RECOMMENDED that:-

- a) **determination of all licensing applications in respect of Animal Welfare Act 2006 be removed from paragraph 3, Schedule 2, Part II (Matters not Delegated) of the Worcestershire Shared Services Agreement dated 1st April 2016;**

- b) the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 be added to Schedule 1 Appendix, Part II of the Worcestershire Shared Services Agreement dated 1st April 2016;**
- c) the following wording be added to Part II “Animal Health and Welfare” section of Appendix 1 – Statement of Partner Service Requirements to Worcestershire Shared Services Agreement dated 1st April 2016; and**
- d) that the proposed fees and charges, as detailed at Appendix 3, be approved.**