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MEETING: LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE: Monday 14th June, 2021
TIME: 6.30 pm
VENUE: Ballroom - Bootle Town Hall, Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 7AE

Member

Councillor John Kelly (Chair)
Councillor Waterfield (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Blackburne
Councillor Bradshaw
Councillor Burns
Councillor Dodd
Councillor Friel
Councillor Morris
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Prendergast
Councillor Yvonne Sayers
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Anne Thompson
Councillor Lynne Thompson
Councillor Webster

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2021 (Pages 5 - 8)

4. Reissuing of Safety Certificates at Southport FC (To Follow)

Report of the Head of Economic Growth and Housing

5. Douglas Place, Bootle - Proposed 20mph speed limit (Pages 9 - 16)

Report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection.

6. Longdale Lane, Lunt - Results of consultation (Pages 17 - 24)

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7. Local Licensing: Performance Report 2020/21 (Pages 25 - 30)

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8. Taxi Licensing Performance Report 2020/21 (Pages 31 - 38)

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- 9. Final draft revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy – Gambling Act 2005** (Pages 39 - 70)

Report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection.

- 10. Determinations made under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005: period covering 19 February 2021 to 13 May 2021** (Pages 71 - 76)

Report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection.

THIS SET OF MINUTES IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING ON MONDAY 15TH MARCH, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor John Kelly (in the Chair)
Councillors O'Brien, Bradshaw, Carragher, Dodd,
Friel, Halsall, Keith, McGinnity, Morris, Spencer,
Anne Thompson, Lynne Thompson and Tweed

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gannon.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

26. APPROVED PREMISES FOR MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer which sought approval to extend the room area of the Marine Suite at the Bliss Hotel Southport to include the area of the dome window and to change the name of the Marine Suite to ROOM.

A previous application had been approved by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 23rd March 2020. However, due to officer error in not advertising the change on the Sefton MBC website, the correct procedure had not been followed to enable the alteration to the licence.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given for the Marine Suite name to be changed to ROOM and the area extended to include the dome window area, to the current licence for the Bliss Hotel, Southport; and
- (2) it be noted that this is a new licence which will expire on 15th March 2026, at which time it will need to be renewed.

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27. GREAT GEORGES ROAD WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS - CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection which sought to advise Members of the results of the recent consultation with residents regarding the proposed parking restrictions and one-way traffic proposals as part of the Great Georges Road Walking and Cycling Improvement Scheme.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) objections received to the recently published Traffic Regulation orders be noted;
- (2) the introduction of the 'Great Georges Road, Prince Street, York Street, Bath Street and Wilmer Road, Waterloo (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and (One-Way Traffic) Orders 2021' be approved and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer be authorised to make the order; and
- (3) the Head of Highways Public Protection be requested to review potential alternative layouts for the section of the scheme at the western end of Great Georges Road to take into consideration objections related to loss of parking and other issues.

28. PROPOSED PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - DOG CONTROL

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection which presented the draft Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 for consideration. The report also sought to provide information concerning dog control and an overview of the public consultation on proposed additional dog control measures through a proposed new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

RESOLVED:

That Council be requested to give its approval for the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control as detailed below:

The following requirements / restrictions previously contained within the Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control 2017 (PSPO – dog control 2017) be included within the proposed new Public Spaces Protection Order.

- i Offence of not removing dog's fouling forthwith;

- ii Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to maximum of 6;
- iii Prohibit dogs from entering enclosed playgrounds;
- iv Prohibit dogs from entering marked or fenced sports pitches during specified periods (Football or Rugby pitches from 01 September to 31st May inclusive and Cricket pitches from 01 April to 30th September inclusive);
- v Dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within defined picnic sites and family areas;
- vi Dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within all designated carriageways (A & B classified roads) and adjoining footways and verges;
- vii Dogs to be kept on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length within all cemeteries and crematoria; and
- viii Dogs to be placed on a lead of not more than 2.0 metres in length when directed by an authorised officer to prevent a nuisance or behaviour likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to the public.

29. DETERMINATIONS MADE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 AND THE GAMBLING ACT 2005: PERIOD COVERING 4 DECEMBER 2020 TO 18 FEBRUARY 2021

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Highways and Public Protection updating on applications made under the Licensing Act, 2003 and the Gambling Act, 2005 which had been determined by Licensing Officers.

The report indicated that Sefton Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (issued under the Licensing Act 2003) and the Statement of Gambling Policy (issued under the Gambling Act 2005), both followed the recommended delegation of functions contained within the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issue under Section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005. Where there are no relevant representations to applications, then these matters would be dealt with by Officers in order to speed matters through the system. The Guidance also recommended that where powers had been delegated, the Committee would receive regular reports on decisions made by Officers in order to maintain an overview of the general licensing situation.

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The report indicated that during the period 4 December 2020 to 18 February 2021 the Head of Highways and Public Protection had received and determined the following numbers of applications:

Under the Licensing Act 2003:

- 53 Applications made under Premise Licences
- 2 Applications made under Club Premise Certificates
- 15 Applications made under Personal Licences
- 10 Notifications of Temporary Event Notices
- 8 Notifications of Late Temporary Event Notices

Under the Gambling Act 2005:

- 1 Application made under Club Gaming Permits

Details of the determinations were indicated in annexes 1 and 2 of the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the fact that further update reports would be submitted as necessary be noted.

Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 June 2021
Subject:	Douglas Place, Bootle - Proposed 20mph speed limit		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	Linacre;
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To report on the results of a consultation with residents regarding the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Douglas Place, Bootle

Recommendation(s):

- (1) Licensing & Regulatory Committee Members note the results of the consultation;
- (2) Licensing & Regulatory Committee request that Cabinet Member – Locality Services consider authorising the advertising and progression of the 20mph speed limit Traffic Regulation Order on Douglas Place, Bootle.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Council has the power to revoke a Traffic Regulation Order (Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) as well as the power to make a new Traffic Regulation Order (Section 1 of that Act). Authorisation to advertise new Traffic Regulation Orders falls under the remit of Cabinet Member – Locality Services.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

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What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The cost of progressing the 20mph speed limit, including advertising and sign costs would amount to £1500. If approved by Cabinet Member – Locality Services, this can be accommodated from the 2021/22 Traffic Management revenue budget.

(B) Capital Costs

Nil

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):

No costs arising directly from this report. If approved by Cabinet Member – Locality Services, all costs associated with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order will be met from the Traffic Management revenue budget.

Legal Implications:

There are no Legal implications

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications.

Climate Emergency Implications:

The recommendations within this report will

Have a positive impact	Y
Have a neutral impact	N
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y

The implementation of a lower 20mph speed limit will fall in line with recently introduced 20mph speed limits on the majority of residential roads in the Borough. The lower speed limit will encourage less erratic styles of driving and will help to reduce vehicle emissions.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Will assist residents, visitors and other road users
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Will help to reduce vehicle emissions

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6387/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4588/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultation with all property occupiers in Douglas Place, Bootle

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Agenda Item 5

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1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that in October 2011, Cabinet Member Transportation approved a policy which stated that the speed limit on all residential areas within Sefton, with the exception of main distributor roads, should be reduced to 20 mph as part of a rolling programme over subsequent years.
- 1.2 In total, between 2013 and 2016, a total of 35 area-wide schemes were consulted on and progressed throughout the Borough, resulting in the speed limit on 2871 residential roads being reduced to 20mph. This represents the majority of residential roads in Sefton.
- 1.3 These 35 area-wide schemes effectively encompassed all residential roads, excluding an agreed network of strategic routes and main distributor roads, and those roads of a purely industrial nature.

2.0 Discussion

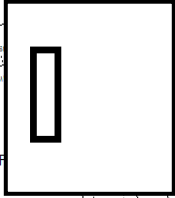
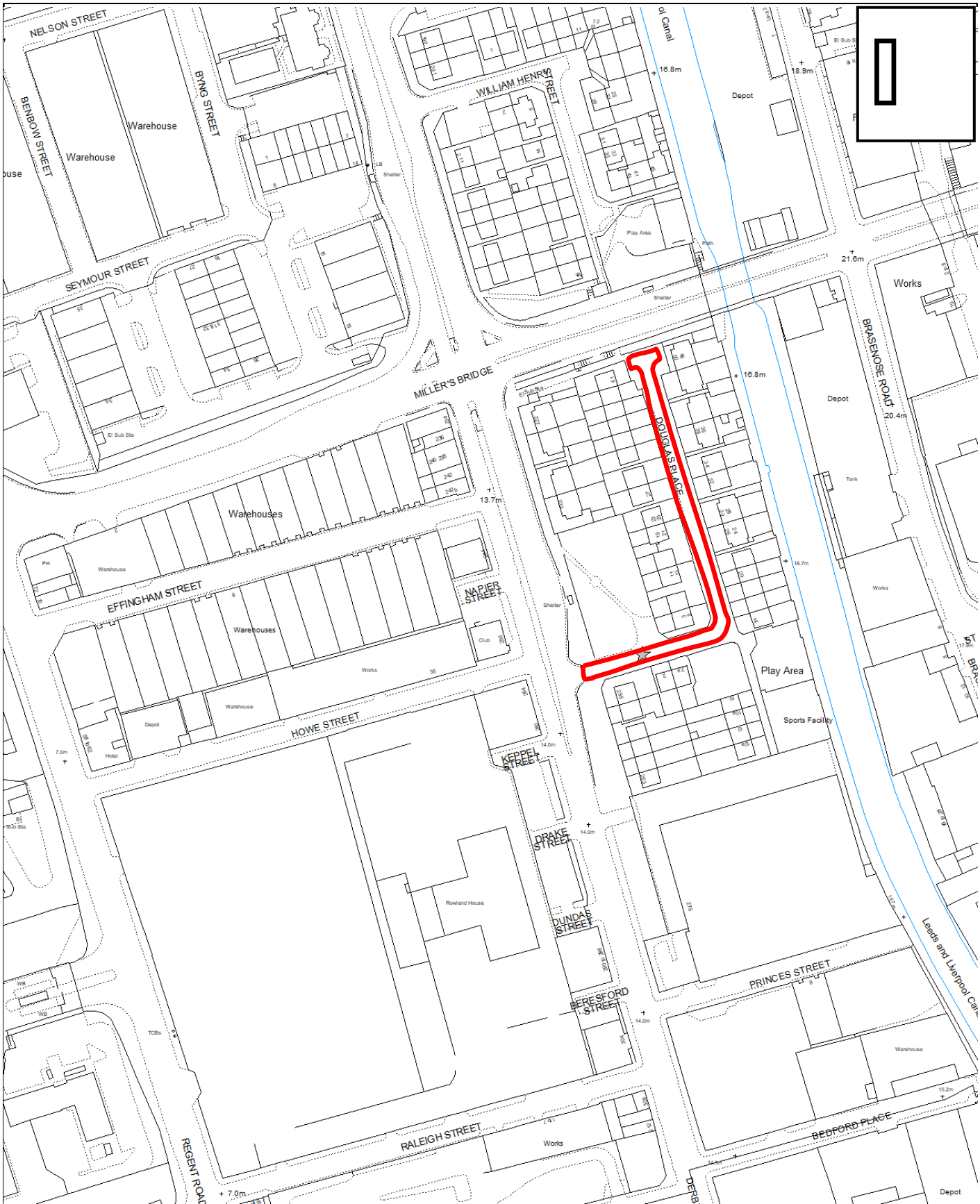
- 2.1 It has now come to the attention of officers, that a residential road within Bootle, namely Douglas Place, had been missed in the roll-out of the 20mph speed limits and whose speed limit was still 30mph. A location plan of Douglas Place is shown as annex A.
- 2.2 Whilst the road had been identified within the list of roads approved by Members for consultation, the 'landlocked' nature of this residential road, i.e. surrounded by Millers Bridge, Derby Road and the dock estate caused it to be missed when the consultation documents were hand delivered in 2014/15. Consequently, the road was omitted from the final traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.3 In order to rectify the omission, a consultation has now taken place with residents, seeking their views on the reduction of the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 A total of 47 consultation packs of documents were hand delivered to all properties in Douglas Place, copies of which are attached as annexes B & C.
- 3.2 In total, 12 questionnaires were returned, all in favour of reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Given the support shown for this scheme, it is recommended that Licensing & Regulatory Committee Members note the results of the consultation and request Cabinet Member – Locality Services to consider authorising the advertising of a new 20mph speed limit Order, which would include Douglas Place, Bootle.



<p>METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON</p> <p>Peter Moore</p> <p>Head of Highways and Public Protection</p>	<p>Title Douglas Place, Bootle</p> <p>Location Plan</p>	<p>Drawn SJ</p> <p>Scale NTS</p> <p>Date Apr 2021</p>	
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CONSULTATION



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PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT DOUGLAS PLACE, BOOTLE

On most residential roads in Sefton, it's not safe or appropriate to drive at more than 20mph, because they are narrow, lined with parked cars or are being used by pedestrians and cyclists.

Despite this, a small number of drivers use residential roads at inappropriate speeds without regard for road safety or respect for anyone else. A pedestrian hit by a car travelling at 20mph is likely to suffer slight injuries, but at 30mph they are likely to be severely hurt.



As part of Sefton Council's desire to provide a safe environment for its residents and visitors and in line with Government guidance, 20mph speed limits have been introduced on most residential roads in Sefton over a number of years.

It is proposed that the speed limit on Douglas Place should also be reduced to 20mph. This would entail having large 20mph signs at the entry point off Derby Road, with additional smaller "repeater" signs mounted on lamp posts at regular intervals along the road.

Previously introduced 20 mph speed limits have raised a number of questions from residents. Because of this, we have provided a number of frequently asked questions and answers on the rear of this leaflet.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek whether you are for or against the proposals. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it in the prepaid envelope provided, to reach us no later than Friday 16th April 2021

Our Licensing & Regulatory Committee, will decide whether the scheme is progressed, so the results from the returned questionnaires will be presented to this committee. If you require any further information before completing your questionnaire, please phone our Contact Centre on 0845 140 0845 and leave a message for John Toker. John will phone you back as soon as possible.

Many thanks
John Toker. On behalf of the
Head of Highways and Public Protection

Sefton Council 

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. 'Why is Sefton Council introducing this 20mph speed limit?'

Department for Transport (DfT) advice on the introduction of speed limits that was published in January 2013 contains a section that specifically relates to 20 mph speed limits. Local authorities are being encouraged to introduce more and more 20 mph speed limits on roads which are primarily residential in nature. In October 2011, Sefton Council agreed a policy to introduce 20 mph speed limits on as many residential roads as possible. Therefore, all residential roads that do not form part of any major through routes will be made 20 mph. Over the last five years, most residential roads within the Borough have been converted to 20mph areas. The introduction of 20 mph speed limits in our residential streets will help promote more considerate driving. This will result in safer streets that will encourage more walking, cycling, playing or just socialising. Less through traffic on our residential streets will eventually result in safer, friendlier, quieter and cleaner places to live.

The majority of signed only 20 mph speed limit areas in many parts of the country have shown a positive improvement in terms of accident and speed reduction, however it is acknowledged that some 20 mph signed only areas have proven to be less successful than others. The findings of DfT's Review into the second year of Portsmouth's 'Total 20' initiative revealed, "A 21% drop in the number of accidents across all six sectors". And, "Whilst the speed of vehicles on roads in Portsmouth, (where previous speeds were low), did not drop appreciably, the reduction in speed on roads where previously the average speed was 24-29 mph dropped by 6.3 mph²."

Sefton Council will be monitoring the effectiveness of their 20 mph schemes over the forthcoming years. Normally 3 year study periods are used to assess accident numbers.

Q2 'Why has Douglas Place chosen as one of the 20 mph speed limit roads?'

Whilst, according to the Police records we hold, there have been no recorded injury accidents on Douglas Place in the past 30 years. It is important that residential streets of this type are included within the area wide scheme/s that currently cover many parts of Sefton.

Q3 'What can I do if I wish to object to the proposals?'

You can simply vote NO on the enclosed questionnaire. However, if you wish to raise a formal objection to the proposals, as well as voting NO on the enclosed questionnaire, please write your objection or objections on a separate piece of paper, stating very clearly what your specific objection(s) is/are. Please return your objection(s) along with the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope provided. These objections need to reach us no later than **Friday 16th April 2021**. Your objection(s) will be reported, along with any other objections raised at the next appropriate Committee meeting. At the meeting, Councillors will decide whether the scheme is progressed.

Q4 'Will speed humps be included as part of the proposals?'

No - physical speed reduction measures such as speed humps / speed cushions or speed tables etc will not form any part of the scheme. 20 mph 'signage only' speed limit areas cost a lot less than traditional traffic calmed areas and although not as effective as traffic calmed areas, they have been proven to work, particularly in larger residential areas.

Q5 'Will the lower speed limit be enforced?'

The police will monitor the 20 mph speed limit areas and will "enforce the limit if there is a rise in people killed or seriously injured on those roads or if there are community concerns about road safety."

Q6 'Will there be an increase in congestion / fuel consumption and air pollution?'

⁴Research in European towns that have a 30km/h speed limit, (18.6 mph) found that the lower speed limits in these towns cut unnecessary gear changing, acceleration and braking and actually improved traffic flow. This in turn resulted in drivers travelling at a steady pace which saves fuel and reduces carbon dioxide emissions. Sefton Council routinely monitor air quality. Air quality monitoring at existing 20 mph sites have revealed that the quality of air is within national air quality standards.

References:

^{1, 2} - Taken from "DfT Interim Evaluation of the Implementation of 20 mph speed limits in Portsmouth, Final Report, September 2010 -Table 2, Appendix A and Table 5.2.

³ - Annex A, Proposed 20 mph speed limit programme for 2014/15 – Cabinet Member Transportation, 26 February 2014.

⁴ Impact of 30 km/h zone on vehicle exhaust emissions in urban areas – "Luc Int Paris Carolien Beckx and Steven Broeijx"

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Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 June 2021
Subject:	Longdale Lane, Lunt - Results of consultation		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	Park;
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To report the results of a consultation with residents on Longdale Lane, Lunt, regarding the proposal to introduce a Residents Privileged Parking scheme.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) That Licensing & Regulatory Committee note the results of the consultation;
- (2) That Licensing & Regulatory Committee request Cabinet Member – Locality Services to authorise the progression of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The receipt of objections and authorisation to proceed with Traffic Regulation Orders fall under the remit of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

All costs associated with the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Orders, amounting to £1492 will be funded from the 2021/22 delegated budget for Park Ward.

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(B) Capital Costs

Nil

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
Legal Implications:	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
This report is for information to Members. It does not include any Climate Change implications, positive or negative.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Will assist residents and other road users
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD6402/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4603/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Consultation with all residents living on Longdale Lane, Lunt.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Email Address:	steve.johnston@sefton.gov.uk

Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Following the completion of Brooms Cross Road in 2016, complaints have been regularly received from residents of Houghton Cottages (Longdale Lane), Lunt, concerning obstructive parking.
- 1.2 As part of the scheme, Back Lane was severed and in order to prevent the remaining section of Back Lane and Longdale Lane from being used for fly-tipping and other anti-social activities, Longdale Lane was physically gated-off at the Lunt Road end, just past the end of Houghton Cottages.
- 1.3 This has resulted in a small 'cul-de-sac' being created which is heavily used by dog walkers throughout the day, causing obstruction to residents and preventing access to the gating access leading to the closed-off section of Longdale Lane. This access is required by the Forestry Commission for maintenance of the woodlands.
- 1.4 As a result of continued obstructive parking, Park Ward Members agreed to fund the provision of a small section of Residents Privileged Parking (RPP) and associated double yellow lines.

2.0 Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation packs of documents were hand delivered to each of the 5 properties (Houghton Cottages and Longdale) on Longdale Lane. Copies of the consultation documents are attached as annexes A B & C.
- 3.2 In total, 5 questionnaires were returned, four in favour and one against.
- 3.3 The one resident who does not support the proposed RPP scheme states that it is not required as their fellow neighbours have sufficient off-street parking and that they should use this, instead of parking on Longdale Lane. The resident does accept, however, that something needs to be done to keep access to the gate clear for agricultural vehicles.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Given the support shown for this scheme, it is recommended that Licensing & Regulatory Committee Members note the results of the consultation and request Cabinet Member – Locality Services to authorise the advertising of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders on Longdale Lane, Lunt.

PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME LONGDALE LANE, LUNT CONSULTATION

Following complaints from residents regarding dog walkers and ramblers parking within the short section of Longdale Lane between its junction with Lunt Road and the point of closure, Park Ward Councillors have agreed to fund the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme in Longdale Lane.

A plan showing the proposed Scheme is enclosed with this letter. If the majority of residents agree with the proposals, and the scheme is approved by Licensing & Regulatory Committee, each of the residents living in this section of Longdale lane will be eligible to apply for Residents' permits for each vehicle which is registered at their address whilst parked on-street. In addition, residents may also apply for one Visitor's permit per property for a vehicle parked on-street. Each permit (Resident's or Visitor's) will be subject to a one-off £30 registration fee, i.e. if you have one vehicle which needs to be parked on-street and also want the Visitor's permit for on-street purposes, you will be charged a total of £60 for the two permits. If you change your vehicle in the future, you will be charged another £30 registration fee to change the Resident's permit. **If you do not park on-street at any time and you have off-street parking availability for your visitors you do not require permits.**

If the scheme is progressed, only vehicles displaying a valid parking permit will be allowed to park within Longdale Lane, the scheme will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the proposals. Included with this letter is a plan showing the proposals and a questionnaire. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided, to reach us **no later than Friday 9th April 2021.**

The results of the consultation will be taken to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee where Councillors will review all of your comments or objections and decide whether the scheme is taken forward. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Monday 14th June 2021, at the moment due to Covid-19 this meeting will be held remotely. You are welcome to view the meeting. Details will be provided on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.go.uk

If you require any further information before completing your questionnaire please read the attached 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet, or phone our Contact Centre on **0345 140 0845** and leave a message for Colin Taylor. Colin will phone you back as soon as possible. Please let Colin know if you require this information in large print, or any other format.

**Many Thanks,
Peter Moore
Head of Highways and Public Protection**

PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME LONGDALE LANE, LUNT

QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you in favour of the proposed Residents' Parking Scheme on Longdale Lane, Lunt, as detailed on the enclosed plan?

(Place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box): -

YES

NO

If you have any comments, please list them here

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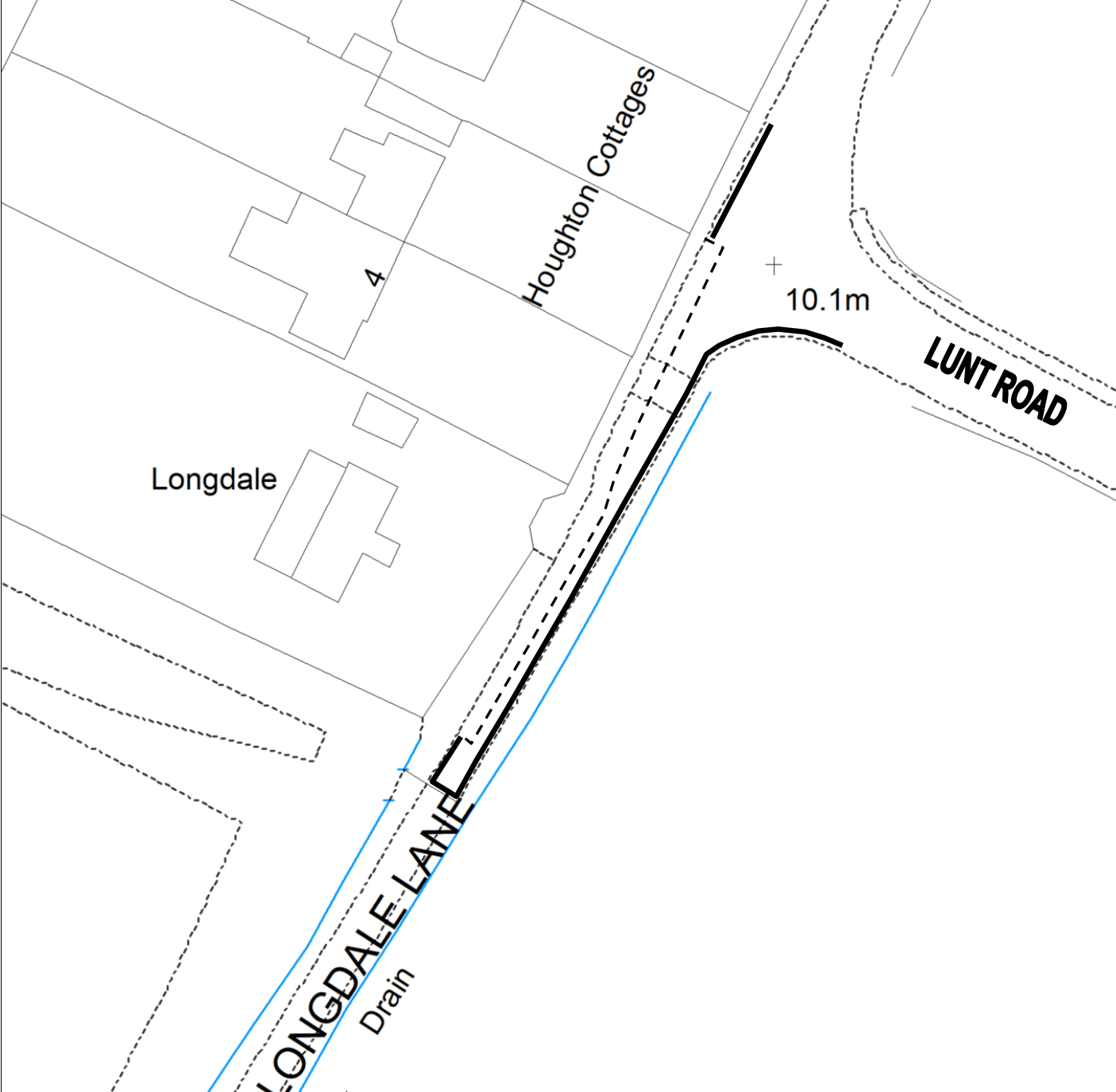
Please complete and return in the pre-paid envelope provided, to reach us no later than **Friday 9th April 2021.**

**Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Highway Safety Team**

ANNEX C

KEY

-  Proposed No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions
-  Proposed At any time Residents parking bay



<p>METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON</p> <p>Peter Moore Head of Highways and Public Protection</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>Longdale Lane, Lunt</p> <p>Proposed Residents parking scheme</p>	<p>Drawn</p> <p>Scale</p> <p>Date</p>	<p>CMT</p> <p>NTS</p> <p>APR '21</p>
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Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday, 14 June 2021
Subject:	Local Licensing: Performance Report 2020/21		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	N
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary:

To report the work carried out during 2020/21 by the Local Licensing Unit.

Recommendation(s):

That Licensing and Regulatory Committee:

- i) Notes this report; and
- ii) Requests that similar reports be brought on an annual basis.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

In order that the Licensing & Regulatory Committee can have an overview of the work carried out by the Local Licensing Unit.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Costs are met from within the existing Local Licensing Budget (BD11).

(B) Capital Costs

There are no financial costs associated with the proposals in this report

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Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None.	
Legal Implications: None.	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
This is an information only Report.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Yes
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:
Commission, broker and provide core services: Yes
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council. (FD 6385/21).

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted with regard to any legal implications and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD 4586/21).

(B) External Consultations

None.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

None.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Details of licensing applications accepted for process

- 1.1 During the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 421 applications were accepted for process under the Licensing Act 2003 ("the LA03"), this representing a 56% decrease over the 962 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.
- 1.2 Under the Gambling Act 2005 ("the GA05"), 16 applications were accepted for process, this representing a 50% decrease over the 32 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.
- 1.3 With respect to general licensing applications (animal welfare, scrap metal dealers, personal treatment registrations etc.), 103 applications were received, this representing a 22% decrease over the 132 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.
- 1.4 With respect to applications for street collection permits, 35 applications were received, this representing a 50% decrease over the 70 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.
- 1.5 With respect to applications for house to house collection permits, 15 applications were received, this representing a 62% decrease over the 39 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.

2. Advertisement of certain LA03 applications

- 2.1 In order to ensure that Grant and Variation applications are brought to residents' / businesses' attention, since 25 April 2012 (via legislation introduced into the LA03 by The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) the Licensing Unit has

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been required to advertise these types of applications on the Council website (this is in addition to the existing provisions which were retained whereby the applicant has to advertise the application in a newspaper and on the premises).

- 2.2 In respect of Sefton these Notices can be found via a dedicated page on the Council website via:

www.sefton.gov.uk/business/licensing-registration/entertainment,-alcohol-and-late-night-refreshment/licensing-act-public-notices.aspx.

- 2.3 During the relevant period there were 61 applications received which required such advertisement; these comprised of 49 Grant applications and 12 Variation applications, this representing a 30% increase over the 47 applications received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.

3. Sefton's LA03 leafleting notification scheme

- 3.1 This scheme was formally adopted by Members at their Meeting on 6 June 2011. The scheme involves the Licensing Unit going over and above the advertising provisions of the LA03 by proactively informing those occupiers and owners of properties with curtilages abutting premises, who have made certain applications under the LA03, of the fact of that application.

- 3.2 As a consequence Licensing Officers sent out a total of 408 notifications to residents / businesses; the average being 7 notifications sent per application.

- 3.3 The Licensing Unit received no objections from residents / businesses leafleted as a direct result of this activity.

4. Reports submitted to Licensing Sub-Committee

- 4.1 During the relevant period 3 Reports were submitted by the Unit for consideration by the Licensing Sub-Committee, this representing a 67% decrease over the 9 Reports submitted during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.

5. Details of Reviews held

- 5.1 During the relevant period no premise licence review applications were received, this representing no change from the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.

6. Details of LA03 Licences surrendered

- 6.1 At their Meeting on 19 November 2012 Members RESOLVED that any future Performance Reports should "*provide details of surrendered Licences*".

- 6.2 During the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 17 Licences were surrendered, this representing a 6% decrease over the 18 Licences which were surrendered during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020.

7. Details of Service Requests received

- 7.1 During the relevant period the Unit received and dealt with 897 service requests. This representing a 4% increase over the 864 service requests received during the equivalent 12-month period for 2019/2020. Of these 7 took the form of LA03 complaints, 2 of GA05 complaints, whilst 5 were general licence complaints.
- 7.2 With regard to the Doorman Logbooks the Unit dealt with 1 request for Logbooks to be dispatched.
- 7.3 The following were service requests to the section for guidance, advice or information: 623 under the LA03, 55 under the GA05, with 161 under general licensing.
- 7.4 Of the remaining requests a total of 43 were received for Covid 19 advice.
- 7.5 All of the above matters were attended to within the departmental timescales laid down for such matters.

8. Other work completed by the Section

- 8.1 Since the original lockdown, in March 2020, the section has also assisted other Teams in the Department by continuing to attend Magdalen House twice a week in order to scan items received via the post; this enables Teams to respond remotely to correspondence. Additionally, mail which is required to be printed off and posted out from other Teams is also dealt with.
- 8.2 The section has also been involved with the implementation of the successful Discretionary Business Grant and the Local Business Support Grant schemes. This involved Officers “vetting” applications received in a timely manner to ensure that there was no missing/incorrect paperwork prior to the release of funds.
- 8.3 On several occasions Officers also collated evidence from hotels operating within the Borough; they made contact by telephone enquiring whether they were open and queried the steps that they were taking to ensure that Covid restrictions were being adhered to. Officers also completed spreadsheets on this to assist Merseyside Police with their intel.
- 8.4 Finally Officers have also been involved in “patrolling” their designated Wards in order to ensure that all premises (not just licensed ones) were operating and open as allowed for by the Covid Regulations in force at that time.

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Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 June 2021
Subject:	Taxi Licensing Performance Report 2020/21		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To report the progress of the Taxi Licensing service during 2020/21.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) Note the contents of this report, and
- (2) Request that similar reports be brought on an annual basis
- (3) Approve accredited training providers to conduct knowledge tests on a temporary basis with the maximum fee chargeable set by the Council.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

In order that the Licensing & Regulatory Committee can have an overview of the work carried out by the Taxi Licensing Service. To encourage applications for licences from locally based drivers

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

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None

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): The cost of the service is wholly recovered from the ring-fenced Taxi Licensing Trade Account (Revenue Budget BD12).	
Legal Implications:	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
There are no proposals in this report that that will alter any impact on climate change	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable:
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:
Commission, broker and provide core services: Provide update on taxi licensing service provision.
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

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What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6410/21.....) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4611/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

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Background

- 1.1 The Taxi Licensing Service comprises two distinct service elements:
 - a) The licensing function, administered through the Council's One Stop Shop (OSS); and
 - b) The 'Enforcement' function provided by the Environmental Health and Licensing Section.
- 1.2 Policy is determined and reviewed by the Council's Licensing & Regulatory Committee and client feedback provided by an established trade consultation regime.
- 1.3 The primary role of taxi licensing is to ensure the safety of the travelling public by ensuring the drivers, operators and vehicles meet standards of safety and good conduct.
- 1.4 To become a licensed driver in Sefton, all new applicants must satisfy the following;
 - A full driving licence (DVLA, EU or Northern Ireland only). A "fee-paid" driver record check is compulsory to check current entitlement to drive
 - A full vocational (DVLA Group II) medical examination obtained via the applicant's General Practitioner or a registered Doctor provided they have access to the applicant's medical records at the time of the examination. Medicals are currently required on first licensing, on reaching 45 years of age, then 55 years of age and on reaching 65 years of age and every 3 years thereafter.
 - A "fee-paid" satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) "Enhanced" disclosure. EU applicants may be permitted a short-term licence provided they can produce a "Certificate of Good Conduct" from their last country of residence until an "Enhanced" DBS certificate can be provided.
 - A VRQ level 2 qualification in 'Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire'.
 - It is a requirement of all new driver applications to take a 'Knowledge of Conditions Test' in addition to the VRQ qualification. Both must be obtained without the aid of an interpreter and the pass mark is 70%
 - Evidence that the applicant is legally entitled to work in the UK
- 1.5 All vehicles must obtain a 'certificate of compliance' from an approved testing station which is the equivalent of the current Department for Transport MOT plus extra checks on the condition and appearance of the vehicle.

2. Licence Numbers

- 2.1 The table below shows a summary of licence numbers in force during 2020/21;

Licence Totals 2020/21

Type	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20
Hackney Carriage Driver	328	328	327	328	329	325
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	271	271	271	271	271	271
Private Hire Driver	6,555	6,535	6,511	6,491	6,489	6,489
Private Hire Operator	116	112	112	106	103	100
Private Hire Vehicle	5,455	5,161	4,952	4,906	4,861	4,877
Total	12717	12,393	12,157	12084	12035	12039

Type	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
Hackney Carriage Driver	324	313	314	316	314	304
Hackney Carriage Vehicle	271	271	271	271	271	271
Private Hire Driver	6,422	6,219	6,059	6,114	6,103	6,097
Private Hire Operator	98	90	81	82	80	79
Private Hire Vehicle	4,800	4,577	4,504	4,397	4,269	4,128
Total	11883	11433	11203	11146	11010	10852

2.2 The total number of licences in 2020/21 decreased by 1,865 over the year. During 2019/20, the total number of licences increased by 1,979.

3. Driver Licence Appeals, Breaches and Panel Decisions

3.1 Before the Council grants any driver licence, applicants must demonstrate they are a 'fit and proper person' to hold that licence. The Council requires all drivers (new and renewals) to obtain an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) report which will contain information about any criminal records including motoring convictions.

3.2 If the applicants report potentially breaches Council Policy, then the application will normally be refused. If an applicant appeals this decision, the first step in the decision-making process is for the Council to review the original decision made during the application process at the One Stop Shop.

3.3 A review of the original decision is considered by a panel of officers who review the application data and hear representations from the applicants. The appeals panel have received details of 17 cases during 2020/21 relating to new applicants for a range of convictions mainly involving violence, harassment, driving and drugs. Out of these cases, 7 were approved and 10 were refused.

3.4 The panel is also convened to consider reports and allegations of misconduct by existing licence holders. In 2020/21 the panel considered 38 cases which led to 26 revocations.

3.5 Typical reasons for revoking a current licence holder include the possession or supply of drugs, violence, sexual offences and driving offences including drink & drug driving.

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4. Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Checks

4.1 Vehicle checks were temporarily suspended during the pandemic.

5. Prosecutions

5.1 The Council has been unable to carry out the usual targeted enforcement exercises due to coronavirus safe working procedures. Due to information received from Merseyside Police, there are currently two prosecutions pending relating to unlicensed and uninsured drivers.

6. The Knowledge Test

6.1 Council invigilated knowledge tests were suspended during the pandemic. New applicants that complete their training through an accredited training provider have been able to complete a knowledge test following their training with their approved training centre since January 2020. The current 'first test' pass rate is approximately 70%.

6.2 A number of applications have been received from new local applicants who are required to complete the knowledge test but the Council is currently unable to conduct these. In order to process these applications, it is proposed to temporarily allow approved accredited training providers to conduct knowledge tests for any new applicant subject to monitoring and a full review of the process by 1 September 2021.

6.3 Within the Merseyside area, some local authorities charge between £30 to £65 for such tests. It is therefore proposed to allow a fee to be charged for these tests with the Council setting the maximum amount with a suggested limit of £20 per test initially.

7. Requests for Service

7.1 The service dealt with 888 various requests for service, complaints or enquiries. Below is a summary of the subjects dealt with;

- 7 new operator enquiries & checks
- 21 exemption certificate applications & enquiries
- 339 general requests for advice
- 36 document irregularities
- 31 unlicensed activity complaints
- 47 driving style complaints
- 112 complaints regarding driver conduct or appearance
- 9 lost property enquiries
- 38 vehicle advice requests
- 4 overcharging complaints
- 56 vehicle accident reports
- 13 notification of convictions
- 132 public body enquiries
- 0 guide dog refusal complaints
- 5 solicitor enquiries

- 38 plate/livery enquiries

8. Impact of Coronavirus

- 8.1 **Vehicles.** The One Stop Shop have continued to process all vehicle licence applications and renewals throughout the past year.
- 8.2 **Drivers.** Driver licences continue to be automatically renewed subject to certain requirements such as medicals, DBS, DVLA entitlement or any pending criminal matters. The OSS is now able to offer a limited number of appointments in order to process new or renewal DBS checks.
- 8.3 **Operators.** New operator applications are now being processed and any existing operators wishing to renew their licence should contact the OSS.

9. Summary & the Year Ahead

- 9.1 Service provision will need to be modified due to coronavirus restrictions and work is underway in relation to online applications as well as appointment only interviews and a range of other modifications. The current priority for the council is to resume its normal services in the safest way possible and the trade will be advised of how we aim to achieve this.
- 9.2 Due to the ongoing uncertainty with long term licence numbers and the continuing process of collecting outstanding fees, it is difficult to currently produce an accurate summary for income in 2020/21.
- 9.3 The impact on the trade has been significant. The Council has processed £907,000 in grants to all eligible drivers residing within the Liverpool City Region and who were licensed with Sefton as a driver but the long term effects will not be known for some time.

10. RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (1) Note the contents of this report, and
- (2) Request that similar reports be brought on an annual basis
- (3) Approve accredited training providers to conduct knowledge tests on a temporary basis with the maximum fee chargeable set by the Council.

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Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	14 June 2021
Subject:	Final draft revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy – Gambling Act 2005		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	N
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary:

To seek Members' comments on the final draft revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy and to then refer to Council for approval.

Recommendation(s):

That the Licensing and Regulatory Committee:

- i) Consider and agree the final draft of the revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy, attached at Annex 2; and,
- ii) Refer the agreed revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy to Council for approval.

That Council:

- i) Approve the revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy, attached at Annex 2.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To enable the timely review of the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no financial costs associated with the proposals in this report

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(B) Capital Costs

There are no financial costs associated with the proposals in this report

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None.	
Legal Implications: None.	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
This is an information Report concerning the production of the new Licensing Policy.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Yes
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:
Commission, broker and provide core services: Yes
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council. (FD 6384/21).

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted with regard to any legal implications and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD 4585/21).

(B) External Consultations

Consultation exercise took place between 8 February 2021 and 5 April 2021.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

Annex 1 – Responses received to consultation exercise.

Annex 2 – Final draft revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Background

1.1 Members will recall that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 (“the GA05”) requires that all licensing authorities prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the GA05 during the three-year period to which the policy applies. A licensing policy statement will last for a maximum of three years, but can be reviewed and revised by an authority at any time.

1.2 The existing Policy has been kept under review since coming into force on 31 January 2019, no revision has been deemed necessary to date. The Policy requires revising during 2021 for it to take effect from 31 January 2022 (when the new three-year cycle will commence).

1.3 Section 349 (3) of the GA05 requires that the Licensing Authority consult the following on the Policy (or any subsequent revision):

- The chief officer of police for the Authority's area;

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- One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the Authority's area; and,
- One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the Authority's functions under this Act.

1.4 The views of the above must be given appropriate weight when the Policy is being determined.

1.5 In addition to the above, the Authority must also have regard to Guidance issued under Section 25 of the GA05 by the Gambling Commission.

2.0 Consultation process

2.1 The consultation took place between 8 February 2021 and 5 April 2021.

2.2 The consultation consisted of:

- i) Publishing the draft revision, a consultation response proforma and general information on the Sefton Council Website (www.sefton.gov.uk) and via Sefton Council's Online Consultation Hub (<https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/>);
- ii) News items placed on the various Sefton Council social media pages;
- iii) Placing copies of the draft Policy in local libraries; and,
- iv) Through press releases to all local press agencies.

2.4 In addition to the general consultation/awareness raising referred to above specific consultations also took place where a letter and copy of the draft Policy were forwarded for comment to:

- i) Letter and meetings, as required, with Merseyside Police.
- ii) Letter and meetings, as required, to include: the Gambling Commission; local fire and rescue authority; Sefton Council Planning; Sefton Council Environmental Health & Licensing Section; Sefton Council Safeguarding Children's Unit; and HM Revenue and Customs.
- iii) Letters to the following Organisations: The Betting and Gaming Council; British Amusement Catering Trade Association (BACTA); The Bingo Association; National Association of Bookmakers; Association of British Bookmakers Ltd (ABB); Hospice Lotteries Association; The Lotteries Council; The British Association of Leisure Parks; Piers and Attractions Limited (BALPPA); The Racecourse Association Limited; The British Beer and Pub Association; and Gamcare.
- iv) Letter to Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce and the Southport BID.
- v) Letter to all Borough Councillors, Sefton Members of Parliament and Parish Council Clerks.

2.5 A full list of responses to the consultation exercise, together with the officer appraisal of those responses, is provided at Annex 1 to this report.

3.0 Draft Policy v.2

3.1 As a result of the consultation no amendments have been made to the Policy.

3.2 A copy of the Final Draft of the Policy is to be found within Annex 2.

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Ref	Respondent	Comments	Appraisal	Response
001	HM Revenue and Customs	Only comment was to give us an up to date address for service of applications to them in the future.	Responsible Authority addresses are contained within Annex 2 which does not form part of the Policy	Policy unchanged, Annex 2 updated.
002	Independent Safeguarding and Quality Assurance Unit	Have read the Policy and have no changes requested.	N/A	N/A
003	National Association of Bookmakers	Thanking us for including them in the Consultation, happy with the draft Policy as is.	N/A	N/A
004	Aintree Village Parish Council	Members have read the draft Policy and have no additional comments to make.	N/A	N/A
005	Anon local resident (1)	No feedback given	N/A	N/A
006	Anon local resident (2)	"Thank you for sharing the Gambling Policy and for providing this in Easy Read. I understand the changes and thank you for the opportunity to feedback."	N/A	N/A
007	Anon local resident (3)	"I cannot see any reason to increase the number of licenced betting facilities across Sefton. The LA needs to take as hard a stance, while remaining within the law, as far as betting is concerned. The ease and availability of online betting has created a monster and we need to do what we can to reduce the number of betting premises. There are far too many already."	On-line Betting dealt with by the Gambling Commission. Unable to restrict numbers via the Gambing Act legislation.	No changes can be made.
008	Anon local resident (4)	"There should be no more gambling establishments licensed in Sefton. Gambling destroys lives and families and	Unable to restrict numbers via the Gambing Act legislation.	No changes can be made.

Ref	Respondent	Comments	Appraisal	Response
		<p>negatively impacts our society.</p> <p>Absolutely no more licenses issued and preferably no renewals of any licenses for any gambling establishments.</p> <p>In particular FOBTs must not be allowed in ANY gambling establishments as these are the worst driver of addictive "play to extinction" behaviours."</p>		



SEFTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

GAMBLING ACT 2005

STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY

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The following annexes do not form part of the approved Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy but are included to assist applicants in meeting the requirements of the licensing process.

Annex 1 - Map of Sefton

Annex 2 - Responsible Authorities

Annex 3 - Gaming Machine Definition Tables

1.0 GENERAL STATEMENT

- 1.1 Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) is the Licensing Authority (the Authority), under the Gambling Act 2005 (the Act), responsible for granting Premises Licences, issuing certain Permits and Provisional Statements, receiving and endorsing Temporary Use Notices, receiving Occasional Use Notices and registering Small Lotteries under the Act.
- 1.2 Section 349 of the Act requires that all Licensing Authorities prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during the period to which the policy applies.
- 1.3 The three licensing objectives which guide the way that the Licensing Authorities perform their functions and the way that gambling businesses carry on their activities, are:
- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
 - Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
 - Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

See Section 3.0 for more information.

- 1.4 In producing this policy statement, the Authority declares that it has had regard to the licensing objectives of the Gambling Act 2005, the guidance to Licensing Authorities issued by the Gambling Commission, and any responses from those consulted on the statement.
- 1.5 The Act requires that the following parties are consulted by Licensing Authorities:
- The Chief Officer of Police
 - One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the Authority's area
 - One or more persons who appear to the Authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the Authority's functions under the Act

- 1.6 The list of the persons consulted by this Authority is as below:

Merseyside Police; the Gambling Commission; local fire and rescue authority; Sefton Council Planning; Sefton Council Environmental Health & Licensing Section; Sefton Council Safeguarding Children's Unit; and HM Revenue and Customs; The Betting and Gaming Council; British Amusement Catering Trade Association (BACTA); The Bingo Association; National Association of Bookmakers; Association of British Bookmakers Ltd (ABB); Hospice Lotteries Association; The Lotteries Council; The British Association of Leisure Parks; Piers and Attractions Limited (BALPPA); The Racecourse Association Limited; The British Beer and Pub Association; Gamcare; Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce; the Southport BID; all Borough Councillors; all Sefton Members of Parliament; and all Parish Council Clerks.

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Residents' comments were also invited by:

- i) Publishing the draft revision, a consultation response proforma and general information on the Sefton Council Website (www.sefton.gov.uk) and via Sefton Council's Online Consultation Hub (<https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/>);
- ii) News items placed on the various Sefton Council social media pages;
- iii) Placing copies of the draft Policy in local libraries; and,
- iv) Through press releases to all local press agencies.

- 1.7 This policy statement sets out the general approach to the making of licensing decisions. It does not prevent any individual from making any application, under the terms of the Act, and having that application considered on its individual merits. Nor does it override the right of any person to make representations on an application nor to seek a review of a licence where the Act allows them to do so.
- 1.8 Unmet demand is not a criterion for a licensing authority in considering an application for a Premises Licence under the Act. As a result each application will be considered on its merits without regard to demand.
- 1.9 This policy statement will be subject to a periodic review every three years. Between those periodic reviews it may also be subject to ongoing reviews, particularly where feedback indicates that the Licensing Objectives are not being met.

Sefton

- 1.10 Sefton is one of the six Metropolitan Boroughs that make up Merseyside. It lies in the northern part of the Liverpool City Region with which it shares close economic, social, cultural and transport links and stretches 22 miles north from Bootle to Southport. It also has important links to Preston and West Lancashire. Sefton adjoins the City of Liverpool to the south, the borough of Knowsley to the south-east, and the largely rural West Lancashire elsewhere. The location of Sefton is shown by the map provided at Annex 1.
- 1.11 Sefton is an area of great contrasts with beautiful coastlines, rural landscapes and industrial/commercial areas; working docklands, commuter towns and a busy seaside resort; areas of great affluence but also some of the most deprived communities in England and Wales. Sefton has a number of famous features that help make it distinctive. These include the resort of Southport, an outstanding natural coast, the home of the Grand National at Aintree, England's 'golf coast' including Royal Birkdale, and Antony Gormley's 'Iron Men' sculptures on Crosby beach with most of the Port of Liverpool being situated in the south of the Borough.
- 1.12 Sefton has a resident population of 274,853 (2016 census) and has a high proportion of retired people, widowed people and long term unemployed when compared with the rest of England and Wales.
- 1.13 The main centres of population are the urban and suburban areas of Bootle, Crosby, Maghull, Formby and Southport.

- Bootle is an area of mainly Victorian terraced properties, with busy working docklands and a mixture of retail and office developments at its centre. In recent years, much of the area was designated as part of the Merseyside ‘Housing Market Renewal Area’. The initiative has begun to change the housing quality, type and tenure available, mainly through demolition of low-demand homes and clearance of low grade or vacant industrial sites and rebuilding of new homes.
- Southport at the north of the Borough has a traditional, quality image, borne out of its Victorian and Edwardian architectural and landscape grandeur. This heritage has led to Southport being described as a ‘classic resort’. This, coupled with family attractions and recent growth in ‘eco-tourism’, has enabled it to endure changing holiday patterns. There has been significant investment in the town centre and Seafront in recent years, but both its leisure and retail areas continue to need to be revitalised. Southport Business Improvement District, the Council, Merseyside Police, Pubwatch, Light for Life and Street Pastors have been successful in applying for Purple Flag status.
- Formby, Crosby and Maghull are largely residential with a smaller number of commercial premises, there are therefore relatively few employment areas here. These are however distinctive settlements in their own right, and all function as commuter settlements for the Liverpool City Region.

1.14 The Local Plan for Sefton will allow development in town centre areas as long as it does not cause significant harm to amenity, would not result in grouping of similar uses which would harm the character of the area or harm residential amenity. Planners may use conditions to restrict opening hours.

2.0 SCOPE

2.1 Licensing authorities are required to undertake various regulatory functions in relation to a number of gambling activities. They are required to:

- Be responsible for the licensing of premises where gambling activities are to take place by issuing *Premises Licences*.
- Issue *Provisional Statements*.
- Regulate *members’ clubs and miners’ welfare institutes* who wish to undertake certain gaming activities via issuing Club Gaming Permits and/or Club Machine Permits.
- Issue *Club Machine Permits to Commercial Clubs*.
- Grant permits for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines at *unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres*.
- Receive notifications from alcohol licensed premises (under the Licensing Act 2003) for the use of two or fewer gaming machines.
- Issue *Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits* for premises licensed to sell/supply alcohol for consumption on the licensed premises, under the Licensing Act 2003, where there are more than two machines.
- Register *small society lotteries* below prescribed thresholds.
- Issue *Prize Gaming Permits*.
- Receive and Endorse *Temporary Use Notices*.

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- Receive *Occasional Use Notices*.
- Provide information to the Gambling Commission regarding details of licences issued (see Section 7.0 regarding 'information protocols').
- Maintain registers of the permits and licences that are issued under these functions.

2.2 It should be noted that local licensing authorities are not involved in licensing remote gambling at all. This falls to the Commission via Operating Licences.

Premises Licence

2.3 A Premises Licence is required for any premises where it is intended to provide gambling facilities.

2.4 The types of Licence available are as follows:

- Casino Premises Licence
- Bingo Premises Licence
- Adult Gaming Centre Premises Licence (enabling the provision of category B3, B4, C and D machines)
- Family Entertainment Centre Premises Licence (enabling the provision of category C and D machines)
- Betting Premises Licence (enabling the provision of facilities for betting, by making or accepting bets or by acting as a betting intermediary)

2.5 An application for a Premises Licence may only be made by persons (which includes companies or partnerships):

- Who have the right to occupy the premises;
- Who have an Operating Licence which allows him/her to carry out the proposed activity, or have applied for an Operating Licence (except in the circumstances outlined in Paragraph 2.9, the Premises Licence may only be issued once the Operating Licence has been issued by the Commission); and

2.6 An applicant for a Premises Licence must be over the age of 18.

2.7 The Authority is aware that, as per Section 153, in making decisions about Premises Licences it should aim to permit the use of premises for gambling in so far as it thinks it is:

- In accordance with any relevant code of practice issued by the Gambling Commission;
- In accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Gambling Commission;
- Reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives; and
- In accordance with the licensing authority's statement of policy.

2.8 In determining applications the licensing authority has a duty to take into consideration all relevant matters and not to take into consideration any irrelevant matters, in effect those not related to gambling and the licensing objectives. One example of an

irrelevant matter would be the likelihood of the applicant obtaining planning permission or building regulations approval for their proposal. The Authority will therefore seek to avoid any duplication with other statutory / regulatory systems where possible, including planning. The Authority will not consider whether a licence application is likely to be awarded planning or building consent, in its consideration of it. However, the Authority will listen to, and consider carefully, any concerns about conditions that can not be met by Licence Holders due to planning restrictions, should such a situation arise.

- 2.9 Except in the case of Tracks (where the occupier may not be the person offering gambling), Premises Licences will only be issued to people with the relevant Operating Licences issued by the Commission.

Definition of “premises”

- 2.10 Premises is defined in the Act as “any place”. Different Premises Licences cannot apply in respect of a single premises at different times. However, it is possible for a single building to be subject to more than one Premises Licence, provided they are for different parts of the building and the different parts can be reasonably regarded as being different premises. Whether different parts of a building can be properly regarded as being separate premises will always be a question of fact in the circumstances. However, the Commission does not consider that areas of a building that are artificially or temporarily separate can be properly regarded as different premises.
- 2.11 The Authority takes particular note of the Gambling Commission’s Guidance with regard to applications for multiple licences for a building, or those for a specific part of the building to be licensed. The Guidance indicates that the premises should be configured so that children are prohibited from participating in gambling, such that they are not invited to participate in, have accidental access to, or can closely observe gambling. Additionally entrances to and exits from parts of a building covered by one or more premises licences should be separate and identifiable so that the separation of different premises is not compromised and people do not ‘drift’ into a gambling area. In this context it should normally be possible to access the premises without going through another licensed premises or premises with a permit.
- 2.12 When considering applications where access to the licensed premises is through other premises (which themselves may be licensed or unlicensed), the Authority will consider, as per the Guidance, whether taken as a whole, the co-location of the licensed premises with other facilities may have the effect of creating an arrangement that otherwise would, or should, be prohibited under the Act.

Location

- 2.13 Demand issues cannot be considered with regard to the location of premises but considerations in terms of the licensing objectives can (see Section 3.0). The Authority will pay particular attention to the protection of children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling, as well as issues of crime and disorder. For example, the Authority would have regard to the proximity of the premises to schools,

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vulnerable adult centres or residential areas where there may be a high concentration of families and children.

Premises “ready for gambling”

- 2.14 The Guidance states that a licence to use premises for gambling should only be issued in relation to premises that the licensing authority can be satisfied are going to be ready to be used for gambling in the reasonably near future, consistent with the scale of building or alterations required before the premises are brought into use.
- 2.15 If the construction of a premises is not yet complete, or if they need alteration, or if the applicant does not yet have a right to occupy them, then an application for a provisional statement should be made instead.
- 2.16 In deciding whether a premises licence can be granted where there are outstanding construction or alteration works at a premises, this authority will determine applications on their merits, applying a two stage consideration process:
- Firstly, whether the premises ought to be permitted to be used for gambling; and
 - Secondly, whether appropriate conditions can be put in place to cater for the situation that the premises are not yet in the state in which they ought to be before gambling takes place.
- 2.17 Applicants should note that this authority is entitled to decide that it is appropriate to grant a licence subject to conditions, but it is not obliged to grant such a licence.

Betting tracks

- 2.18 Tracks are different from other premises in that they may be subject to one or more Premises Licences, provided that each Licence relates to a specified area of the track.
- 2.19 The Authority will have particular regard to the protection of children and vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling and the need to ensure that entrances to each type of premises are distinct and that children are excluded from gambling areas where they are not permitted to enter.
- 2.20 The Authority would expect Premises Licence applicants to demonstrate suitable measures to ensure that children do not have access to adult only gaming facilities. Children and young persons will be permitted to enter track areas on days when dog-racing and/or horse racing takes place, including areas where facilities for betting are provided, however, they must be prevented from entering areas where gaming machines (other than category D machines – see Annex 3 for Gaming Machine definitions) are provided.
- 2.21 The Authority notes that the Commission considers that it is disproportionate and unnecessary to insist that betting rules are displayed at each distinct betting location and that the rules should be made available at suitable central locations. We further note that the Commission indicates that the track premises licence holder should make the necessary arrangements to ensure that betting rules are accessible to all customers, regardless of which area of the track they are in.

- 2.22 It is sometimes difficult to define the precise location of betting areas on tracks and the Authority notes that the precise location of where betting facilities are provided is not required to be shown on track plans, both by virtue of the fact that betting is permitted anywhere on the premises and because of the difficulties associated with pinpointing exact locations for some types of track.

Bingo premises

- 2.23 It is important that if children are allowed to enter premises licensed for bingo that they do not participate in gambling, other than category D machines. Where category C machines, or above, are available in the premises to which children are admitted, applicants will ensure that:
- All such machines are located in an area of the premises separate from the remainder of the premises by a physical barrier which is effective to prevent access other than through a designated entrance;
 - Only adults are admitted to this area where the machines are located;
 - Access to the area where the machines are located is supervised;
 - The area where the machines are located is arranged so that it can be observed by staff of the operator or the licence holder, and
 - At the entrance to, and inside any such area there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the area is prohibited to persons under 18.
- 2.24 Appropriate licence conditions, covering the above issues, may be imposed by the Authority.
- 2.25 In imposing any additional licence conditions the Authority will consider any Guidance issued by the Commission relating to the suitability and layout of bingo premises.
- 2.26 Further information on this type of Licence can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

Self Service Betting Terminals

- 2.27 The Authority will take into account the size of the premises, the number of counter positions available for person-to-person transactions, and (as per the Commission's Guidance) the ability of staff to monitor the use of the machines by children and young persons (it is an offence for those under 18 to bet) or by vulnerable people, when considering the number/nature/circumstances of Self Service Betting Terminals an operator wants to offer.

Permits

- 2.28 Permits are required when premises provide a gambling facility but either the stakes and/or prizes are very low or gambling is not the main function of the premises. The permits regulate gambling and the use of gaming machines in a specific premises.
- 2.29 The types of Permit available are as follows:

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- Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit
- Club Gaming Permit
- Club Machine Permit
- Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit
- Prize Gaming Permit

Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit

- 2.30 The Act states that a licensing authority may prepare a statement of principles that they propose to consider in determining the suitability of an applicant for a permit, and/or considering applications, it need not (but may) have regard to the licensing objectives and shall have regard to any relevant guidance issued by the Commission under section 25. The Commission's Guidance indicates that in its policy statement a licensing authority may include a statement of principles that it proposes to apply when exercising its functions in considering applications for these type of permits.
- 2.31 The principles that this Authority intends to adopt will require the applicant to show that there are policies and procedures in place to protect children from harm. Harm in this context is not limited to harm from gambling but includes wider child protection considerations.
- 2.32 The efficiency of such policies and procedures will each be considered on their merits, however, they may include:
- CRB checks for staff
 - Appropriate measures / training for staff as regards suspected truant school children on the premises
 - Measures / training covering how staff would deal with unsupervised very young children being on the premises
 - Children causing perceived problems on / around the premises.
- 2.33 In addition to the above, the Authority will also expect, as per Commission Guidance, that:
- Applicants demonstrate a full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes of the gambling that is permissible in unlicensed FECs;
 - The applicant has no relevant convictions (those that are set out in Schedule 7 of the Act); and
 - Staff are trained to have a full understanding of the maximum stakes and prizes.

Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits

- 2.34 Members Clubs and Miners' welfare institutes (but not Commercial Clubs) may apply for a Club Gaming Permit or a Clubs Machine Permit. The Club Gaming Permit will enable the premises to provide gaming machines (3 machines of categories B, C or D), equal chance gaming and games of chance as set out in forthcoming regulations. A Club Machine Permit will enable the premises to provide gaming machines (3 machines of categories B, C or D).

- 2.35 The Act states that Members clubs must have at least 25 members and be established and conducted “wholly or mainly” for purposes other than gaming, unless the gaming is restricted to bridge and whist. A members’ club must be permanent in nature, not be established to make commercial profit and be controlled by its members equally; there is no need for a club to have an alcohol licence. Examples include working men’s clubs, branches of Royal British Legion and clubs with political affiliations.
- 2.36 The Commission Guidance states that licensing authorities may only refuse an application on the grounds that:
- a) the applicant does not fulfil the requirements for a members’ or commercial club or miners’ welfare institute and therefore is not entitled to receive the type of permit for which it has applied
 - b) the applicant’s premises are used wholly or mainly by children and/or young persons
 - c) an offence under the Act or a breach of a permit has been committed by the applicant while providing gaming facilities
 - d) a permit held by the applicant has been cancelled in the previous ten years
 - e) an objection has been lodged by the Commission or the police.
- 2.37 There is also a ‘fast-track’ procedure available under the Act for premises which hold a Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003 (Schedule 12 paragraph 10). Under the fast-track procedure there is no opportunity for objections to be made by the Commission or the police, and the grounds upon which the Authority can refuse a permit are reduced; those grounds being:
- (a) that the club is established primarily for gaming, other than gaming prescribed under schedule 12;
 - (b) that in addition to the prescribed gaming, the applicant provides facilities for other gaming; or
 - (c) that a club gaming permit or club machine permit issued to the applicant in the last ten years has been cancelled.
- 2.38 There are statutory conditions on club gaming permits that no child uses a category B or C machine on the premises and that the holder complies with any relevant provision of a code of practice about the location and operation of gaming machines.

Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit

- 2.39 There is provision in the Act for premises licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, to automatically have two gaming machines, of categories C and/or D. The premises merely need to notify the Authority.
- 2.40 The Authority can remove the automatic authorisation in respect of any particular premises if:
- Provision of the machines is not reasonably consistent with the pursuit of the licensing objectives;
 - Gaming has taken place on the premises that breaches a condition of section 282

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(for example, the gaming machines have been made available in a way that does not comply with requirements on the location and operation of gaming machines);

- The premises are mainly used for gaming; or
- An offence under the Gambling Act has been committed on the premises

2.41 Should a premises wish to have more than two machines, then it will need to apply for a Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permit and the Authority will need to consider that application based upon the licensing objectives, any guidance issued by the Commission, and “any other matters that are considered relevant to the application”. This Authority considers that “any other matters” will be decided upon on a case by case basis but generally there will be regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm and we will expect the applicant to satisfy that there will be sufficient measures in place to ensure that under 18 year olds do not have access to the adult only gaming machines. Measures which will satisfy the Authority may include that the adult only gaming machines will be within sight of the bar (or within the sight of staff who will monitor that the machines are not being used by those under 18). As regards the protection of vulnerable persons applicants may wish to consider the provision of information leaflets / helpline numbers for organisations such as GamCare or indeed training for staff under the GamCare Certification scheme (details available via www.gamcare.org.uk).

Prize Gaming Permit

2.42 The Act states that a Licensing Authority may prepare a statement of principles that they propose to consider in determining the suitability of an applicant for a permit.

2.43 This Authority has prepared a Statement of Principles, which is that the applicant should set out the types of gaming that s/he is intending to offer and that the applicant should be able to demonstrate:

- That they understand the limits to stakes and prizes that are set out in Regulations; and,
- That the gaming offered is within the law.

2.44 In making its decision on an application for this Permit the Authority does not need to have regard to the licensing objectives but must have regard to any Commission Guidance.

2.45 It should be noted that there are conditions in the Act by which the Permit holder must comply, but that the Authority cannot attach conditions. The conditions in the Act are:

- The limits on participation fees, as set out in regulations, must be complied with;
- All chances to participate in the gaming must be allocated on the premises on which the gaming is taking place and on one day; the game must be played and completed on the day the chances are allocated; and the result of the game must be made public in the premises on the day that it is played;
- The prize for which the game is played must not exceed the amount set out in regulations (if a money prize), or the prescribed value (if non-monetary prize); and
- Participation in the gaming must not entitle the player to take part in any other gambling

Travelling fairs

- 2.46 Where category D machines and / or equal chance prize gaming without a permit is to be made available for use at travelling fairs, the Authority will need to determine whether the statutory requirement that the facilities for gambling amount to no more than an ancillary amusement at the fair is met.
- 2.47 The Authority will also consider whether the applicant falls within the statutory definition of a travelling fair.
- 2.48 The 27-day statutory maximum for the land being used as a fair is per calendar year, and it applies to the piece of land on which the fairs are held, regardless of whether it is the same or different travelling fairs occupying the land. The Authority will work with its neighbouring authorities to ensure that land that crosses our boundaries is monitored so that the statutory limits are not exceeded.
- 2.49 Further information on Permits can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

Provisional Statements

- 2.50 Section 204 of the Act provides for a person to make an application to the Authority for a Provisional Statement in respect of premises that s/he:
- Expects to be constructed;
 - Expects to be altered; or
 - Expects to acquire a right to occupy.
- 2.51 Developers may wish to apply for Provisional Statements before they enter into a contract to buy or lease property or land to judge whether or not a development is worth taking forward in light of the need to obtain a Premises Licence. It is also possible for an application for a Provisional Statement to be made for premises that already have a Premises Licence (either for a different type of gambling or for the same type).
- 2.52 Applicants for Premises Licences must fulfill certain criteria (see Para 2.5). These restrictions do not apply in relation to an application for a Provisional Statement.
- 2.53 Further information on Provisional Statements can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

Temporary Use Notices

- 2.54 These allow the use of premises for gambling where there is no Premises Licence but where a gambling operator wishes to use the premises temporarily for providing facilities for gambling. Premises that might be suitable for a Temporary Use Notice (TUN) would include hotels, conference centres, and sporting venues. A TUN may only be granted to a person or company holding a relevant Operating Licence (for example, the holder of a Betting Operating Licence could apply to provide betting facilities at a snooker tournament).

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- 2.55 Regulations state that the only activities permitted under a TUN are the provision of facilities for any form of equal chance gaming where those participating in the gaming are taking part in a competition which is intended to produce a single, overall winner (this does not include providing such facilities in circumstances where any person participating in the gaming does so by means of a gaming machine).
- 2.56 The same set of premises may not be the subject of a TUN for more than 21 days in any 12-month period, but may be the subject of several Notices provided that the total does not exceed 21 days.
- 2.57 Further information on TUNs can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

Occasional Use Notices

- 2.58 The Authority has very little discretion as regards these Notices aside from ensuring that the statutory limit of 8 days in a calendar year is not exceeded. However, the Authority will need to consider the definition of a ‘track’ and whether the applicant is permitted to avail him/herself of the Notice. Provided that the Notice will not result in betting facilities being available for more than eight days in a calendar year, there is no provision for counter-notices or objections to be submitted.
- 2.59 Further information on Occasional Use Notices can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

Small Lotteries

- 2.60 These are lotteries operated by non-commercial societies, as defined in Section 19, which states that a society is non-commercial if it is established and conducted:
- For charitable purposes;
 - For the purpose of enabling participation in, or of supporting, sport, athletics or a cultural activity; or
 - For any other non-commercial purpose other than private gain.
- 2.61 If the lottery has proceeds which exceed £20,000 for a single draw or aggregated proceeds that exceed £250,000 in a calendar year then they must be licensed with the Commission.
- 2.62 The promoting society of a small society lottery must, throughout the period during which the lottery is promoted, be registered with a licensing authority. The licensing authority with which a small society lottery is required to register must be in the area where their principal office is located. If the Authority believes that a society’s principal office is situated in another area, it will inform the society and the other relevant authority as soon as possible.
- 2.63 Further information on Small Lotteries can be found on the Sefton Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk.

3.0 GAMBLING LICENSING OBJECTIVES

3.1 In carrying out its licensing functions the Authority will be guided by the Gambling Licensing Objectives which are:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime;
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

3.2 The Authority, in exercising its functions under the Act, shall also have regard to the Guidance issued by the Commission.

Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime

3.3 The Authority is aware that the Commission will be taking a leading role in preventing gambling from being a source of crime and that it will maintain rigorous licensing procedures that aim to prevent criminals from providing facilities for gambling. The Commission's Guidance does however envisage that licensing authorities should pay attention to the proposed location of gambling premises in terms of this licensing objective. Therefore, if an area has known high levels of organised crime then the Authority will consider whether or not gambling premises are suitable for that location and whether conditions may be suitable such as the provision of Door Supervisors.

3.4 Except in the circumstances outlined in Paragraph 2.9, anyone applying to the Authority for a Premises Licence will have to hold an Operating Licence from the Commission before a licence can be issued. Therefore, the Authority will not generally be concerned with the suitability of an applicant and where concerns about a person's suitability arise the Authority will bring those concerns to the attention of the Commission.

3.5 Issues of disorder should only be dealt with under the Act if the disorder amounts to activity which is more serious and disruptive than mere nuisance and it can be shown that gambling is the source of that disorder. This Authority is aware of the distinction between disorder and nuisance and will consider factors such as whether police assistance was required and how threatening the behaviour was to those who could see it, so as to make that distinction. Issues of nuisance cannot be addressed via the Gambling Act provisions.

Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way

3.6 Generally, the Commission do not expect licensing authorities to become concerned with ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way, as this will be a matter for either the management of the gambling business (and therefore relevant to the Operating Licence), or will be in relation to the suitability and actions of an individual (and therefore relevant to the Personal Licence), both of these options falling under the purview of the Commission.

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- 3.7 Where the Authority has concerns that gambling at any premises is not being conducted in a fair and open way those concerns will be brought to the attention of the Commission.

Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling

- 3.8 The Authority has noted the Commission Guidance which states that “the intention of the Gambling Act is that children and young persons should not be permitted to gamble and should be prevented from entering those gambling premises which are adult-only environments. The objective refers to protecting children from being ‘harmed or exploited by gambling’. That means preventing them from taking part in gambling and for there to be restrictions on advertising so that gambling products are not aimed at children or advertised in such a way that makes them particularly attractive to children, excepting Category D gaming machines”.
- 3.9 The Authority will also make itself aware of the Codes of Practice that the Commission issues as regards to this licensing objective, in relation to specific premises such as casinos.
- 3.10 There is no definition offered with regard to the term “vulnerable persons”, therefore the Authority will consider this objective on a case-by-case basis. In seeking to protect vulnerable persons the Authority will include people who gamble more than they want to, people who gamble beyond their means, and people who may not be able to make informed or balanced decisions about gambling, perhaps due to a mental impairment, alcohol or drugs.
- 3.11 Applicants shall have regard to the need to protect children and vulnerable persons from harm, or being exploited by gambling, and there should be sufficient measures to ensure that under 18 year olds do not have access to adult only gaming machine areas.
- 3.12 Appropriate licence conditions may therefore be imposed by the Authority and they may cover issues such as:
- Proof of age schemes;
 - CCTV;
 - Door supervisors;
 - Supervision of entrances / machine areas;
 - Physical separation of areas;
 - Location of entry;
 - Notices / signage;
 - Specific opening hours;
 - Self barring schemes;
 - The provision of information leaflets / helpline numbers for organisations such as GamCare as well as training for staff under the GamCare Certification scheme; details available via www.gamcare.org.uk/.

- 3.13 This list is not mandatory, nor exhaustive; further details on Conditions can be found at Section 6.0.
- 3.14 In recent years there has been an increasing awareness of the problems in society generally connected with Child Sexual Exploitation. It is this Authority's opinion that Child Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that gambling premises should be vigilant in this regard. Operators whose premises are allowed to admit under 18s should have in place appropriate child safeguarding measures and should seek the advice of the Council's Safeguarding Children's Unit in this respect.
- 3.15 The Authority will always treat each case on its own individual merits and when considering whether specific measures are required to protect children and other vulnerable persons will balance its considerations against the overall principle of aiming to permit the use of premises for gambling.

4.0 CASINO LICENCES

- 4.1 The Authority has not passed a 'no casino' resolution under Section 166 of the Act, but it is aware that it has the power to do so. Should the Authority decide in the future to pass such a resolution, it will update this policy statement with details of that resolution.

5.0 THE LICENSING PROCESS

- 5.1 In determining a licence or permit application the overriding principle adopted by the Authority will be that each application will be determined on its merits.

Interested Parties

- 5.2 Interested parties may make representations about Premises Licence applications, or apply for a review of an existing Licence.

- 5.3 These parties are defined within the Act as follows:

“a person is an interested party in relation to an application for or in respect of a premises licence if, in the opinion of the licensing authority which issues the licence or to which the applications is made, the person –

- a) lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities,
- b) has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities, or
- c) represents persons who satisfy paragraph (a) or (b)”

- 5.4 The Authority is required by regulations to state the principles it will apply in exercising its powers under the Act to determine whether a person is an interested party or not.

- 5.5 The principles are that each case will be decided upon its merits. This Authority will not apply a rigid rule to its decision making. It will however consider the following:

- The size of the premises

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- The nature of the premises
- The distance of the premises from the location of the person making the representation
- The potential impact of the premises (number of customers, routes likely to be taken by those visiting the establishment); and
- The circumstances of the complainant. This is not the personal characteristics of the complainant but the interests of the complainant, which may be relevant to the distance from the premises. For example, it could be reasonable for an authority to conclude that “sufficiently close to be likely to be affected” could have a different meaning for (a) a private resident (b) a residential school for children with truanting problems and (c) residential hostel for vulnerable adults.
- The ‘catchment’ area of the premises (i.e. how far people travel to visit); and
- Whether the person making the representation has business interests in that catchment area that might be affected.

5.6 Interested parties can be persons who are democratically elected such as councillors and MP’s. No specific evidence of being asked to represent an interested person will be required as long as the councillor / MP represents the ward likely to be affected. Likewise, parish councils likely to be affected will be considered to be interested parties. Other than these however, this authority will generally require written evidence that a person/body (e.g. an advocate / relative) ‘represents’ someone who either lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities and/or has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities. A letter from one of these persons, requesting the representation is sufficient.

Responsible authorities

5.7 Section 157 of the Act details the necessary “responsible authorities”, which are:

- The Gambling Commission;
- The chief officer of police;
- The local fire authority;
- The local planning authority;
- An authority which has functions in relation to pollution to the environment or harm to human health;
- The body responsible for the protection of children from harm;
- Any other licensing authority in whose area part of the premises are situated; and,
- HM Revenue & Customs

5.8 In exercising the Authority’s powers under Section 157(h) of the Act to designate, in writing, a body which is competent to advise the Authority about the protection of children from harm, the following principles have been applied:

- The need for the body to be responsible for an area covering the whole of the licensing authority’s area; and,
- The need for the body to be answerable to democratically elected persons, rather than any particular vested interest group etc.

- 5.9 Therefore, in accordance with the Commission’s Guidance, this Authority designates Sefton Council’s Safeguarding Children’s Unit for this purpose.
- 5.10 The appropriate points of contact for the abovementioned responsible authorities, i.e. the person to whom copies of applications should be sent, are listed within Annex 2.

Delegation of decisions and functions

- 5.11 Licensing decisions and functions may be taken or carried out by the Licensing Committee, or delegated, where appropriate, to sub-committees or officers. The principal of delegation will be to ensure that decisions and functions, particularly non-contentious applications and purely administrative functions, are taken or carried out in a speedy, efficient and cost-effective way.
- 5.12 The delegation of decisions and functions will be as follows:

Matter to be dealt with	Full Council	Sub-committee of licensing committee	Officers
Three year licensing policy	✓		
Policy not to permit casinos	✓		
Application for premises licences		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Application for a variation to a licence		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Application for a transfer of a licence		Where representations have been received from the Commission or responsible authority	Where no representations received from the Commission or responsible authority
Application for a provisional statement		Where representations have been received and not withdrawn	Where no representations received/ representations have been withdrawn
Review of a premises licence		✓	
Application for club gaming/ club machine permits		Where objections have been made (and not withdrawn)	Where no objections made/objections have been withdrawn
Cancellation of club gaming/ club machine permits		✓	
Applications for other permits			✓
Cancellation of licensed premises gaming machine permits			✓
Consideration of temporary use notice			✓
Decision to give a counter notice to a temporary use notice		✓	

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- 5.13 Where there is licensing authority discretion as to the level of fee that may be set, the level of fee will be decided by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Hearings

- 5.14 A hearing will be arranged to deal with any application that cannot be dealt with under delegated powers or resolved by agreement between applicants and ‘interested parties’ and/or ‘responsible authorities’. Hearings will be held at the earliest possible date having regard to the regulations published under the Act and the laws of natural justice. The Licensing Sub-Committee will conduct a quasi-judicial consideration of the application, objections and representations.
- 5.15 Conditions may be attached to Licences where relevant representations are received. Any condition attached to a Licence will be related to one or more of the Licensing Objectives, and conditions will not relate to matters that are the subject of other legislation.

Review of licences

- 5.16 Requests for a review of a Premises Licence can be made by interested parties or responsible authorities. However, it is for the Authority to decide whether or not the review is to be carried out. This will be on the basis of whether the request for the review is relevant to the matters listed below (as well as to consideration as to whether the request is considered to be frivolous or vexatious):
- i) It is in accordance with any relevant code of practice issued by the Commission;
 - ii) It is in accordance with any relevant guidance issued by the Commission;
 - iii) It is reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives; and,
 - iv) It is in accordance with this policy statement
- 5.17 The Authority can also initiate a review of a licence on the basis of any reason that it thinks is appropriate.

Local risk assessments

- 5.18 The Commission’s Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) (issued in February 2015) requires operators to consider local risks in their applications.
- 5.19 As part of the application process licensees are required to submit a local risk assessment when applying for a new Premise Licence. An updated risk assessment must also be submitted:
- When applying for a variation of a Premise Licence
 - To take account of significant changes in local circumstances, including those identified in a licensing authority’s policy statement
 - When there are significant changes at a licensee’s premises that may affect their mitigation of local risks.

- 5.20 This Authority will require a licensee to share their risk assessment with it. The risk assessment will set out the measures the licensee has in place to address specific issues where concerns exist over new or existing risks. By adopting this proactive approach the Authority and licensees should be able to reduce the occasions on which a premises review is required.

Local Area Profiles

- 5.21 Whilst this Authority does not currently have a Local Area Profile, as referenced in the Commission's Guidance, nonetheless its clear priority is to ensure that children and vulnerable persons are not harmed by gambling. To this end the Authority will expect applicants to research and understand the local environment in which they wish to operate and to demonstrate that they have effective and robust measures in place to promote this licensing objective and mitigate any risks related to it.
- 5.22 It should be noted that the Authority may develop a Local Area Profile setting out the local issues, local data, local risks and the expectations that it has of operators who either currently offer gambling facilities or wish to do so in the future. Should it do so it will be included as an Annex to this Statement.
- 5.23 In the absence of a Local Area Profile when considering applications for Premise Licences, permits and other permissions, and when determining whether to review a Licence, the Authority will still consider each application on its merits and relevant considerations are likely to include the type of gambling proposed and the proximity of gambling premises to schools and vulnerable adult centres, or to residential areas where there may be a high concentration of families with children.

6.0 LICENSING CONDITIONS

Mandatory conditions

- 6.1 Mandatory conditions may be attached to Premises Licences by the Secretary of State under Section 167 of the Act. They can be attached generally to all Premises Licences, or may be attached to all Premises Licences of a particular type, or to a particular type of Premises Licences under certain specified circumstances.
- 6.2 The Secretary of State considers that mandatory conditions are most appropriate where there are basic minimum requirements to which all Premises Licence holders, or holders of a particular type of Licence, should adhere.
- 6.3 Once mandatory conditions are attached they can only be removed by further Secretary of State regulations. The Authority has no discretion to decide not to include them, or to modify them.

Default conditions

- 6.4 The Secretary of State considers the use of default conditions are most appropriate where a general industry or sector wide approach is desirable in order to assist national consistency, but where licensing authorities ought to be able to respond to local circumstances by altering those conditions if necessary.

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- 6.5 Section 169 of the Act gives licensing authorities the ability to exclude from Premises Licences any default conditions that have been imposed under section 168. However, as default conditions are considered to be the industry norm, and while licensing authorities are free to limit or remove them where appropriate, this Authority will only extend them with reference to the Commission Codes of Practice and Guidance, the Licensing Objectives and this Policy Statement.
- 6.6 There are conditions that the Authority cannot attach to Premises Licences, which are:
- Any condition on the Premises Licence which makes it impossible to comply with an Operating Licence condition;
 - Conditions relating to gaming machine categories, numbers, or method of operation;
 - Conditions which provide that membership of a club or body be required (the Act specifically removes the membership requirement for casino and bingo clubs and this provision prevents it being reinstated); and,
 - Conditions in relation to stakes, fees, winning or prizes
- 6.7 Any conditions attached to Premises Licences will be proportionate and will be:
- Relevant to the need to ensure that the premises are suitable to meet the licensing objectives and are suitable to provide facilities for gambling;
 - Directly related to the premises and the type of licence applied for;
 - Fairly and reasonably related to the scale and type of premises; and
 - Reasonable in all other respects.
- 6.8 Decisions upon individual conditions will be made on a case-by-case basis. The Authority will expect the applicant to offer his/her own suggestions as to the way in which the Gambling Licensing Objectives can be met effectively. The Authority may, however, exclude a condition and substitute it with one that is either more or less restrictive. In this instance the Authority will give clear and regulatory reasons for so doing.
- 6.9 The Authority will consider specific measures that may be required for buildings subject to multiple Premises Licences. Such measures may include the supervision of entrances; segregation of gambling from non-gambling areas frequented by children; and the supervision of gaming machines in non-adult gambling specific premises in order to pursue the licensing objectives. These matters are in accordance with the Commission's Guidance.
- 6.10 The Authority will also ensure that where category C or above machines are on offer in premises to which children are admitted that:
- All such machines are located in an area of the premises which is separated from the remainder of the premises by a physical barrier which is effective to prevent access other than through a designated entrance;
 - Only adults are admitted to the area where these machines are located;
 - Access to the area where the machines are located is supervised;

- The area where these machines are located is arranged so that it can be observed by the staff or the licence holder; and
- At the entrance to and inside any such areas there are prominently displayed notices indicating that access to the area is prohibited to persons under 18.

6.11 These considerations will apply to premises, including buildings, where multiple Premises Licences are applicable.

Door Supervisors

6.12 The Commission advises in its Guidance that if a licensing authority is concerned that a premises may attract disorder or be subject to attempts at unauthorised access (for example, by children and young persons) then it may require that the entrances to the premises are controlled by a door supervisor, and is entitled to impose a premises licence condition to this effect.

6.13 Where it is decided that supervision of entrances/machines is appropriate for particular cases, a consideration of whether or not these supervisors need to be licensed by the Security Industry Authority will be necessary. It will not be automatically assumed that they need to be licensed, as the statutory requirements for different types of premises vary (as per the Guidance).

7.0 INFORMATION PROTOCOLS

7.1 Authorities are required to include in their Policy Statements the principles to be applied by them in exercising the functions under Sections 29 and 30 of the Act, with respect to the exchange of information between them and the Commission, and the functions under Section 350 of the Act with the respect to the exchange of information between them and the other persons listed in Schedule 6 to the Act.

7.2 The principle that this Authority applies is that it will act in accordance with the provisions of the Act in its exchange of information, which includes the provision that the Data Protection Act 1998, will not be contravened. The Authority will also have regard to any Guidance issued by the Commission to local authorities on this matter as well as any relevant regulations issued by the Secretary of State under the powers provided in the Act.

7.3 Should any protocols be established as regards information exchange with other bodies then they will be made available.

8.0 ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS

8.1 Licensing Authorities are required by regulation under the Act to state the principles to be applied in exercising the functions under Part 15 of the Act with respect to the inspection of premises; and the powers under Section 346 of the Act to institute criminal proceedings in respect of the offences specified.

8.2 This Authority's principles are that it will be guided by the Commission's Guidance and it will endeavour to be:

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- Proportionate: regulators should only intervene when necessary: remedies should be appropriate to the risk posed and costs identified and minimised;
- Accountable: regulators must be able to justify decisions, and be subject to public scrutiny;
- Consistent: rules and standards must be joined up and implemented fairly;
- Transparent: regulators should be open, and keep regulations simple and user friendly; and
- Targeted: regulation should be focused on the problem, and minimise side effects.

8.3 As per the Commission's Guidance this Authority will endeavour to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes so far as possible.

8.4 The Authority has, again as recommended by the Commission's Guidance, adopted a risk-based inspection programme.

8.5 The main enforcement and compliance role for this Authority in terms of the Act will be to ensure compliance with the Premises Licences and other permissions that it authorises. The Commission will be the enforcement body for the Operator and Personal Licences and it should also be noted that concerns about manufacture, supply or repair of gaming machines will not be dealt with by the Authority but will be notified to the Commission.

8.6 This Authority embraces the Department for Business Innovation and Skills' "Regulators Code" which came into force on 6th April 2014, and it's standards have been integrated into our regulatory culture and processes. The Authority supports the principals of better regulation to promote efficient and effective approaches to regulatory inspection and enforcement that improve regulatory outcomes without imposing unnecessary burdens on business.

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Report to:	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	Date of Meeting:	Monday 14 June 2021
Subject:	Determinations made under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005: period covering 19 February 2021 to 13 May 2021		
Report of:	Head of Highways and Public Protection	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:			
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	N
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary:

To update Members regarding those applications, made under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, that have been determined by Officers.

Recommendation(s):

That Members:

- i) note this Report and its contents;
- ii) note that further Reports will be brought forward to up date Members as and when necessary.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 requires that a written record of delegated decisions that would otherwise be made by a committee be published to the Council's website. The publication of this report satisfies that requirement for the delegated decisions made in relation to the administration of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no financial costs associated with the proposals in this report

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(B) Capital Costs

There are no financial costs associated with the proposals in this report

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None.	
Legal Implications: None.	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Climate Emergency Implications: The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
This is an information only Report.	

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Yes
Facilitate confident and resilient communities:
Commission, broker and provide core services: Yes
Place – leadership and influencer:
Drivers of change and reform:
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:
Greater income for social investment:
Cleaner Greener

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council. (FD 6386/21).

The Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted with regard to any legal implications and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD 4587/21).

(B) External Consultations

None.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

Annex: Numbers determined – Licensing Act 2003

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that the Statement of Licensing Policy (issued under the Licensing Act 2003) and the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy (issued under the Gambling Act 2005) both follow the recommended delegation of functions contained within the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Guidance issued under Section 25 of the Gambling Act 2005.
- 1.2 In effect this means that where there are no relevant representations to applications then these matters are dealt with by Officers. This ensures that decisions and functions, particularly for non-contentious applications and purely administrative functions, are taken or carried out in a speedy, efficient and cost-effective way.
- 1.3 The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 requires that a written record of delegated decisions that would otherwise be made by a committee be published to the Council's website. The publication of this report satisfies that requirement for the delegated decisions made in relation to the administration of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

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2. Numbers determined – Licensing Act 2003

2.1 During the period covering 19 February 2021 to 13 May 2021 the following number of applications have been determined under this Act:

- Applications made under Premise Licences **48**
- Applications made under Personal Licences **30**
- Notification of Temporary Event Notices **6**
- Notification of Late Temporary Event Notices **4**

2.2 Details of determinations made under Premise Licences are attached within the Annex to this Report.

3. Numbers determined – Gambling Act 2005

3.1 During the period 19 February 2021 to 13 May 2021 no applications have been determined under this Act.

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name	address2	address3	action	closeddate
Sunshine Tearooms	1a Victoria Road	Ince Blundell	Grant	19/02/2021
Gyros House	4b Bold Street	Southport	Grant	23/02/2021
Royal Clifton Hotel	Promenade	Southport	Variation of DPS	23/02/2021
Asda	Derby Road	Southport	Variation of DPS	01/03/2021
Prezzo	128 Lord Street	Southport	Transfer	01/03/2021
Marks & Spencer Simply Foods	Halsall Lane	Formby	Variation of DPS	02/03/2021
The Harington	70 Harington Road	Formby	Grant	08/03/2021
Iceland	8-10 The Marian Square	Netherton	Variation of DPS	15/03/2021
Jay Express Food and Wine	17 Crosby Road North	Waterloo	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	15/03/2021
	104 Station Road	Ainsdale	Grant	22/03/2021
	51 Station Road	Ainsdale	Change of Circumstances	22/03/2021
Formby Hall Golf Resort & Spa	Southport Old Road	Formby	Grant	23/03/2021
Malthurst Town Lane	258 Scarisbrick New Road	Southport	Variation of DPS	23/03/2021
Fletcher & Co	35 Crosby Road North	Waterloo	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	24/03/2021
LJ's Kitchen	100 Bispham Road	Southport	Grant	30/03/2021
Village & Lilo Moku	2-4 Moor Lane	Crosby	Transfer	08/04/2021
erge Brasserie	1B Seabank Road	Southport	Transfer	09/04/2021
vester	Unit 10 Aintree Racecourse Retail Park	Ormskirk Road	Variation of DPS	09/04/2021
/s	280 Marsh Lane	Bootle	Transfer	09/04/2021
JCL (Birkdale) Limited	9 Liverpool Road	Birkdale	Grant	13/04/2021
	97 Ormskirk Road	Aintree	Grant	14/04/2021
The Bus Yard	Cambridge Road	Waterloo	Grant	14/04/2021
Gambinos	79 Coronation Road	Crosby	Variation of DPS	14/04/2021
Rubber Duck	5 Strand Road	Bootle	Grant	20/04/2021
Rueters On Hoghton	26 Hoghton Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	21/04/2021
Southport Masonic Hall	Duke Street	Southport	Minor Variation	21/04/2021
SRE M News & Wine	58-60 Sonning Avenue	Litherland	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	21/04/2021
B & M Bargains	91 Lord Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	22/04/2021
Suburb 24 & Blackdoor 24	2-4 Moor Lane	Crosby	Variation of DPS	22/04/2021
Southport Market Hall	King Street	Southport	Grant	26/04/2021
Asda Supermarket	Orrell Lane	Bootle	Variation of DPS	27/04/2021
Edinburgh Inn	119 College Road	Crosby	Variation of DPS	28/04/2021
Furusato Bar & Grill	2 Westway	Maghull	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	28/04/2021

AnS Food and Wine	3 Dover Road	Maghull	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	30/04/2021
McColls	146 Portland Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	30/04/2021
Skylight	459 Lord Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	30/04/2021
Marine Football Club	College Road	Crosby	Minor Variation	04/05/2021
Marks and Spencer	Unit 4 Aintree Retail & Business Park	Ormskirk Road, Aintree	Minor Variation	05/05/2021
Piccola Bar & Kitchen	20 Sefton Road	Litherland	Change of Name and/or Address	05/05/2021
The Potting Shed	137-141 Lord Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	05/05/2021
Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club	Bradshaws Lane	Ainsdale	Variation of DPS	05/05/2021
Southport & Ainsdale Golf Club - Half Way House	Bradshaws Lane	Ainsdale	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	05/05/2021
Tesco Express	5 Albert Road	Southport	Variation of DPS	05/05/2021
Royales	13 Lord Street	Southport	Grant	10/05/2021
Bargain Booze	102 Bispham Road	Southport	Licence Holder Transfer & Variation of DPS	11/05/2021
Manor Lodge	157A Sefton Street	Southport	Grant	11/05/2021
Enelles Glass House	241b Lord Street	Southport	Grant	12/05/2021
Southport Euromarket	55 London Street	Southport	Variation of DPS	12/05/2021