NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING LICENSING COMMITTEE

28 January 2025

Present: Councillor Jenns in the Chair

Councillors Bates, Clews, Dirveiks, Fowler, Hobley, Jarvis, Melia, Osborne, O Phillips, Smith, Turley and Whapples

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farrow, Taylor (Substitute Dirveiks) and A Wright

Councillor Stuart was also in attendance.

1 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Alcohol and Gambling Licensing Committee held on 30 January 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 General Fund Revenue Budget – 2024/25 Forecast and 2025/26 Estimates and Fees and Charges

Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer) reported the outturn forecast for 2024/25 and an estimate of expenditure for 2025/26, together with future estimates for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. A review of the fees and charges with recommendations for increases were detailed.

Resolved:

- a That the estimated forecast for 2024/25 be approved;
- That the fees and charges, as set out in Appendix C of the report of the Interim Corporate Director Resources (Section 151 Officer), be approved; and

Recommendation to Executive Board:

- That the 2025/26 estimates be approved, as submitted in the report of the Interim Corporate Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) and be included in the overall Tax Set 2025/26 report for the Executive Board on 10 February 2025.
- 4 Gambling Act 2005 Review of Gambling Policy Statement of Principles Report of the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive asked the Committee to consider the adoption of the Draft Gambling Policy Statement of Principles 2025-2028 or if a period of consultation was required prior to adoption.

Recommendation to Council:

That the final draft Gambling Policy Statement of Principles 2025-2028 in Appendix A of the report of the Chief Executive be adopted with no consultation.

A Jenns Chair