



# Doncaster Council

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday, 16th December, 2021

As these decisions are subject to approval by Full Council on 20th January, 2022, call in does not therefore apply.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy)  
Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Business.)

### Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball	Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Young People
Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure, Culture and Planning
Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement
Councillor Rachael Blake	Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities
Councillor Phil Cole	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Trading Services
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Councillor Andrea Robinson	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mark Houlbrook.

## PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

### Public Questions and Statements

No public questions or statements were made at the meeting.

Decision Records dated 1 December 2021, be noted.

Prior to the consideration of the formal business, the Mayor made a statement in relation to coronavirus.

'We have recently seen a return to some covid restrictions, and the pledge from the Prime Minister to offer a booster vaccination to everyone over 18 before the end of the year. This in itself will be a monumental challenge, a challenge in which Doncaster Council and Team Doncaster partners will be supporting. We will be opening more vaccination sites over the coming days, and the staff of Doncaster Council and Team Doncaster are being encouraged to volunteer as part of their work hours.

I strongly encourage those that are able to volunteer do so, this is a Team Doncaster effort to protect our residents and ensure we can share Christmas with our friends and family.

I want us all to have an enjoyable Christmas, but I ask that we all take extra care to reduce the risk of transmission. To wear a face-mask when moving around indoor public spaces, regularly wash our hands and try to keep some level of social distancing. These small measures can make a bigger difference if we all play our part to protect ourselves and those around us.

My message to the people of Doncaster is to get vaccinated, get your booster, minimise the risk of transmission and stay safe'.

## **DECISION 1.**

### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

6. Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 - Gambling Act 2005.

### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet:-

(1) noted the responses to consultation and the proposed Statement of Policy - Gambling Act 2005 with the addition of the following to paragraph 1.2 The Borough of Doncaster:-

- updated figures for the population of Doncaster residents with the latest figures available, 312,785 within paragraph 1
- to include the cinema, library and museum in the list of significant developments within the borough within paragraph 5 ; and

(2) recommended it to Council for adoption.

### **3. REASON FOR DECISION**

Cabinet received a report introduced by Councillor Joe Blackham, Cabinet member for Highways, Infrastructure and Enforcement stating that the Licensing Authority is required, under the Gambling Act 2005 (The Act), to produce a Statement of Licensing Policy and to review the Policy at least every 3 years. The existing Policy comes to the end of its 3-year period on 31st January 2022.

This was the sixth Statement of Policy, once approved, it will be in place until 2025. The route to approval was set out at Appendix A.

It was reported that with the exception of minor administrative changes, the proposed policy was unchanged from the current version.

The policy had undergone a full consultation which resulted in only one response from a trade representative. The details of the response and the changes made to the policy as a result, are detailed at Appendix B. A copy of the revised policy was attached at Appendix C.

Cabinet welcomed the report. In referring to paragraph 1.2 The Borough of Doncaster, the Mayor requested the following be added:-

- updated figures for the population of Doncaster residents with the latest figures available, 312,785 at paragraph 1, and
- include the cinema, library and museum in the list of significant developments within the borough at paragraph 5.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

The Policy had been reviewed to ensure it was relevant to Doncaster in 2022 and beyond, taking account of the latest Guidance to Local Authorities produced by the Gambling Commission. The Policy remained largely unchanged from the existing version.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

#### **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

#### **7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Dan Swaine, Director of Economy and Environment

### **DECISION 2.**

#### **1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**

7. Community Safety Strategy 2022 - 2025.

#### **2. DECISION TAKEN**

Cabinet endorsed the content of the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25

**3. REASON FOR DECISION**

Cabinet received a report introduced by Councillor Rachael Blake, Cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care, Communities and Equalities which provided an update regarding the 2022-25 Community Safety Strategy. The Strategy was a statutory plan which required endorsement by Council but is produced and owned by the multi-agency Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP), acting as Doncaster’s Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

It was reported that the SSDP had a legal duty to work together to: tackle crime and disorder, including serious and organised crime; reduce re-offending; tackle anti-social behaviour and to tackle alcohol and substance misuse. The SSDP had a wider remit to address any other behaviour which had a negative effect on the local environment, and to produce a plan outlining how this will be achieved.

The Strategy had been produced following consultation in respect of the partnership priorities and included a summary of key achievements and outcomes the Council were seeking to achieve with, and for, the people of Doncaster. The Strategy and accompanying Delivery Plan also gave an overview of how the Council plan to address these priorities.

Cabinet welcomed the report. Councillor Nigel Ball commended that the strategy was robust and resident focussed. He stated that it was positive to see the number of partners involved in the consultation and made reference to the good work done by the Alcohol Alliance’s *Rethink Your Drink* campaign both on sensible drinking and campaigns aimed at tackling the issue of drink spiking. These comments were echoed by Mayor Jones.

**4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

To not produce a Community Safety Strategy – this would mean that the Council were not complying with legal requirements.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt

**7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Phil Holmes, Director of Adults, Health and Well-Being

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker