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**Hastings District Council: District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee Meeting**

*Ngā Minitī*

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*Te Rā Hui:*

Meeting date:

**Wednesday, 5 August 2020 at 10.30am**

**Council Chamber**

**Ground Floor**

**Lyndon Road East**

**Hastings**

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*Kua Tae ā-tinana:* **Chair:** Councillor Kevin Watkins  
**Present:** **Councillors:** Bayden Barber, Alwyn Corban (Deputy Chair), and Ann Redstone  
Marei Apatu, Ngaio Tiuka and Tania Eden - Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori  
Standing Committee appointees

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*Kua Tatū:* Group Manager: Planning & Regulatory Services - John O'Shaughnessy  
**In attendance:** Environmental Policy Manager - Rowan Wallis  
Environmental Policy Planner – Junior Tuakana  
General Counsel – Scott Smith  
Manager: Democracy and Governance - Jackie Evans

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## 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Kevin Watkins/Tania Eden

That apologies for absence from Councillors Simon Nixon and Peleti Oli be accepted.

CARRIED

## 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Alwyn Corban declared a conflict of interest in Item 4 below.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no previous minutes to confirm as this was the first meeting of the Subcommittee in this triennium.

*Having previously sought advice and declared an interest, Councillor Alwyn Corban withdrew from the table during the debate and voting on this item.*

*Ngaio Tuaka joined the meeting at 10.45 am*

*Councillor Bayden Barber arrived at 11.10 am*

#### **4. CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND TAB VENUE POLICIES REVIEW**

(Document 20/501)

The subcommittee was asked to comment on proposals for a review of the revised class 4 gambling and TAB venue policies which control access to TAB venues and gambling machines in the District. The policy review is subject to the special consultative procedure and community feedback will be sought and used to assess the views and opinions of the community with regard to the proposed policy.

Officer recommendations were to retain the current capped policy for gambling machines at a lower rate (from 293 to 278). The subcommittee unanimously agreed to recommend to Council that the current gambling policy be changed from a capped to a sinking lid policy to reduce harm from gambling in the district. In reaching this decision the subcommittee noted 2019 research undertaken by the Department for Internal Affairs (DIA) which showed that Hastings players were spending longer hours playing gaming machines, betting more per game and more players were playing 'pokie' machines. It was noted that problem gambling disproportionately affected deprived and low income families, of which a significant proportion in this district are Māori. The subcommittee considered that the benefit from community grants derived from gaming machine profits from non-club and club societies did not outweigh the community harm from gambling particularly in our vulnerable communities.

Councillor Ann Redstone/Tania Eden

- A) That the District Planning and Bylaws Subcommittee receives the report titled Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and TAB Venue Policy Review.
- B) That the Subcommittee recommends that the Council proposes:
  - a 'sinking lid policy' to decrease the number of gaming machines or class 4 venues in the district;
  - not to have a relocation policy to permit the relocation of class 4 gambling machines; and
  - to retain the one current stand alone TAB venue and cap it at this level.

and that Council be recommended to include the above policies in the statement of proposal for Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy and TAB venue policy to be undertaken by means of a Special Consultative Procedure as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

**5. MINOR ITEMS**

There were no additional business items.

**6. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no extraordinary business items.

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The meeting closed at 11.45 am

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: