
Hearings Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Hearings Committee held online, via Zoom, and Live Stream on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson J F G Mason
Members Cr D A Allan
Mayor B P Wanden

IN ATTENDANCE

Vaimoana Miller
Grayson Rowse
Principal Advisor - Democracy

1 Apologies

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That an apology from Councillor Sam Jennings and Councillor Piri-Hira Tukapua be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3 Late Items

There were no late times.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were not declarations of conflict of interest.

5 Reports

5.1 Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy - Consideration of Submissions

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the platform for members of the hearings committee to hear and consider the submissions received on this policy during the public consultation process of this review process.

1.2 To propose that members recommend the policy, as may be amended during the hearings process, for adoption by Council, and subsequent repeal of the 2017 version of this policy

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That Report 22/42 Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy - Consideration of Submissions be received.

That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

That members hear and consider submissions received on this matter following the use of the Special Consultative Procedure as was required by the Gambling Act 2003.

CARRIED

Jarrold True, from Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand, attended the meeting via Zoom, and spoke in support of maintaining the status quo.

Kristy Kang and Gerhart Berking, from the PGF Group, attended the meeting via Zoom, and spoke in support of the existing sinking lid policy, and the general direction of overall policy. They would prefer a stronger stance against Class 4 gambling venues.

Elected members considered the proposed policy in light of the submissions received. The Committee directed officers to amend the policy at 5.1 to reflect new building standards for earthquake resilience for any venue, and at 7.2 to harmonise the reference to sensitive sites with that contained in clause 7.2 of the Local Alcohol Policy

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That after the consideration and hearing of submissions, changes be made to the Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy as follows:

Add a new sub-clause – “5.1d) The venue being relocated to meets or exceeds the New Building Standards for earthquake resilience.”

Amend clause 5.2(5) to read – “Any new Class 4 Venue, temporary or permanent, will not be located closer than 150 metres of the legal site boundary of any school, early childcare facility, place of worship, Marae, health care facility, public park or reserve, urupa, or cemetery, and other community facilities.”

That the Hearings Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy, as amended, effective from the date of the adoption by Council, and the repeal of the 2017 policy.

CARRIED

5.2 TAB Venue Policy - Consideration of Submissions

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide the platform for members of the hearings committee to hear and consider the submissions received on this policy during the public consultation process of this review process.
- 1.2. To propose that members recommend the policy, as may be amended during the hearings process, for adoption by Council, and subsequent repeal of the 2017 version of this policy.

MOVED by Mayor Wanden, seconded Cr Allan:

That Report 22/44 TAB Venue Policy - Consideration of Submissions be received.

CARRIED

Vaimoana Miller spoke to the report.

Elected members considered the written submissions.

MOVED by Cr Allan, seconded Mayor Wanden:

That this matter or decision is recognised as not significant in terms of S76 of the Local Government Act.

That Hearings Committee members hear and consider submissions received on this matter following the use of the Special Consultative Procedure as was required by the Racing Industry Act 2020.

That after the consideration and hearing of submissions, changes be made to the TAB Venue Policy if considered appropriate.

That the Hearings Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the TAB Venue Policy, as may be amended, effective from the date of the adoption by Council, and the repeal of the 2017 policy.

CARRIED

3.26 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

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AT A MEETING OF HEARINGS COMMITTEE HELD
ON

DATE:.....13 April 2022

CHAIRPERSON:

