

## Licensing Committee – 6 June 2016

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held on **6 June 2016** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr M J Webb

Cllr B T Hazlewood  
Cllr Mrs D Hoy

Cllr Mrs T R Hughes  
Cllr A L Williams

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N L Cooper, E O K Mason, D Merrick, J E Newport, R A Oatham, Mrs L Shaw and I H Ward.

### **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Cllr A H Eves - for Cllr E O K Mason

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

A Law - Assistant Director, Legal Services  
J Fowler - Senior Licensing Officer  
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

### **121 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2015 and of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 18 April 2016 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

### **122 REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services seeking Members' approval of the draft Gambling Act statement of licensing policy in order to be published and circulated for public consultation.

In response to a Member question relating to the status of local area profiles, as detailed in paragraph 2.7 of the officer's report, officers confirmed that great weight would be attached to area profiles within policy statements and that local area profiles would be publicly available, published on Council websites, with lists of sensitive premises also included.

Responding to a further Member query relating to door staff, officers advised that all door staff must be SIA approved, but that this was not a change in policy.

Officers emphasised, in response to a Member enquiry relating to page 5.23 of the officer's report, relating to demand, that local authorities would not be able to restrict the number of gambling facilities within a particular area.

Officers confirmed, in response to a Member question about the number of licensed premises within the District that there were around 52, but that these included pubs with fruit machines and that there were also premises, e.g., schools holding small lottery licences, although the latter would not be affected by the proposed changes to the statement.

Officers confirmed that it would be possible to include with the statement a list of all the licensed premises, showing their location.

During consideration of the issue of premises licences for casinos, Members all concurred that the criteria for casinos were not relevant for the Rochford District and that it was thus inappropriate for the Council to issue premises licences in respect of casinos.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That, subject to inclusion of a list showing the locations of all licensed premises within the District, the draft Gambling Licensing Policy Statement (appendix A) be approved for public consultation.
- (2) That the likely timetable for the consultation period be noted (appendix B). (ADLS)

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and closed at 9.15 am.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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