

## **Licensing Committee – 16 November 2009**

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held on **16 November 2009** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr K A Gibbs  
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Aves

Cllr Mr R Carter	Cllr M Maddocks
Cllr J P Cottis	Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr T G Cutmore	Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins
Cllr A J Humphries	

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs L M Cox, T E Goodwin and K H Hudson.

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

P Nellies	- Licensing Officer
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

### **296 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 30 July 2009 and 8 September 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **297 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES FOR GAMBLING**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Environmental Services detailing the response received to the consultation on the Council's draft policy for gambling that was carried out between 6 July 2009 and 4 October 2009.

Members made reference to the fact that no responses had been received from Responsible Authorities, which clearly indicated approval of the draft statement. Members observed that the response received from the Salvation Army was a positive one.

In response to a Member enquiry relating to the siting of ATMs at gambling premises, officers advised that the regulations stipulate that all ATMs have to be sited so that anyone gambling has to move away from the gambling area in order to use an ATM.

Officers confirmed, in response to a Member enquiry relating to the safeguarding of children, that door supervisors employed at gambling premises would have to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau or equivalent check.

Responding to a Member question about casinos, officers advised that, if the Council was to resolve not to issue casino premises licences for the 3-year duration of the policy, it would not preclude the Council from determining any future casino licence applications within the District, in the event of any changes in legislation.

Officers confirmed, in response to a Member request for clarification of paragraphs 2.36 and 2.37 of the draft statement, that those District Councillors who were Members of the Licensing Committee were not eligible to represent any interested persons within their ward with respect to licensing applications. Members therefore concurred that the wording of paragraph 2.37 should be amended for the sake of clarification.

In response to a Member enquiry about the wording of page 6.5 of the report, officers advised that there would not be reference on this page to any specific languages.

During debate of the introduction of the statement, Members, although acknowledging that the appendices to the statement contained details of all these different parties, nevertheless felt that there would be merit in including within the third bullet point of the introduction appropriate website signposting to the relevant section of the Gambling Act 2005.

Responding to a Member question as to who might be eligible to view the Licensing Register, officers advised that this was a public register and, as such, could be viewed by anyone in a personal or business capacity.

Officers clarified, in response to a Member enquiry about the content of paragraph 3.7 of the draft statement, that this related to whether separate entrances would be required for co-located facilities within a premises, if one of the facilities related to gambling activity.

### **Resolved**

That the amendments outlined in the appendix to the Minutes be agreed.

It was further:-

### **Recommended to Council**

- (1) That a “no casino” resolution be agreed and that this be inserted into the Statement of Principles.
- (2) That the amended Statement of Principles that will be applied in exercising functions under the Gambling Act 2005 for the 3-year period commencing on 3 January 2010 be adopted. (HES)

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The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.45 am.

Chairman .....

Date .....

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### Appendix

Page	Amendment
Introduction 6.10. paragraph 1.1	Third bullet point to include appropriate website signposting to the relevant section of the Gambling Act 2005.
6.17, paragraph 2.37	To be replaced with:- “District Councillors who are members of the Licensing Committee will not qualify to represent Interested Parties, as detailed in (a) and (b) above.”