

**LICENSING ACT
COMMITTEE**

2.00 P.M.

22ND NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Malcolm Thomas (Vice-Chairman), June Ashworth, Josh Bancroft, Mike Greenall, Helen Helme, Val Histed, Margaret Pattison, Roger Sherlock and Joyce Taylor (for Minute No. 10 (part) only)

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Paul Aitchison (Chairman), Tracey Kennedy and Paul Woodruff

Officers in Attendance:

Wendy Peck	Licensing Manager
Jane Glenton	Democratic Support Officer

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Malcolm Thomas, in the Chair.

7 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2012 were signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

8 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Joyce Taylor arrived midway through the following item.

10 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY 2013-2015

Members received the report of the Licensing Manager to inform of the outcome of the consultation on the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy, and to seek Members' views on the revised draft.

The Licensing Manager reported that Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 provided that each licensing authority should, before each successive period of three years, prepare a statement of the principles that they proposed to apply in exercising their functions under the Act during that period, and publish that statement.

In January 2007, during the transitional period leading up to the full implementation of the Gambling Act 2005, the Council had established its first Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy in preparation for receiving applications for premises licences and permits in September of that year. The Policy had last been updated in January 2010 and was therefore due to be updated in January 2013.

Members noted that the Act provided that, before determining the policy, a licensing authority must consult with the Chief Officer of Police for the area, one or more persons who appeared to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area, and one or more persons who appeared to the authority to represent the interests of persons who were likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Licensing Manager reported that consultation on a revised draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy had been held from 1st August 2012 until 24th October 2012 and, in addition to the statutory requirements and to ensure that the consultation had been as effective as possible, a press release had been issued regarding the consultation process, the revised draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy had been made available on the Council's website and copies had been made available at the Council's offices.

The Licensing Manager reported that one response had been received to the consultation on the review of the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy from the Association of British Bookmakers, a copy of which was attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The response stated that the Association of British Bookmakers was satisfied with the Council's proposed policy and believed it had been effective in promoting the licensing objectives, as set out in Section 1 of the Gambling Act 2005.

Members considered the revised draft policy and schedule of changes, which was attached at Appendix 2 to the report, showing that only minor amendments had been made to the previous Statement.

Resolved unanimously:

That the revised draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy be referred to Council for approval on 12th December 2012.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 2.11 p.m.)

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