

Wednesday 11 November
2009 at 7.15pm



Licensing Act Committee

MEMBERS: Councillor PURCHESE (Chairman) Councillor Mrs HEAPS (Deputy Chairman), Councillors ELKIN, GOODWIN, GOODYEAR, Mrs MADELL, Mrs POOLEY, Mrs SALSBURY, THOMPSON and Miss WOODALL.

(Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Belsey, Bloom, Mrs Goodall, Ms Hough and Stanley).

1 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2008 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

2 Declaration of Interests.

None were received.

*3 Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) 2010-2013.

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Manager regarding a review of the Council's Gambling Policy.

The current Gambling Policy had been published in January 2007 and set out the principles that the Licensing Authority will generally apply in order to promote the Licensing Objectives when exercising its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. As the Licensing Authority the Council was responsible for issuing premises licences for casino, bingo and betting premises and adult gaming and family entertainment centre premises.

The Council was required to review the policy at least every 3 years. As part of the process, the Council had sought to consult with a range of bodies as to the form and content of the current policy and feedback was also invited via the Council's website.

An overview of those consulted was detailed in the report and had included responsible authorities, trade groups and organisations with an interest in the gambling industry and a range of other interested parties. A summary of the proposed amendments and a revised draft of the policy statement for 2010-2013 were appended to the report.

The revised Policy had been submitted and approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 October 2009 and the Committee was invited to comment on the revised draft prior to its submission to full Council for approval on 18 November 2009.

RESOLVED: (1) That the proposed changes to the Council's Gambling Policy (Statement of Principles) which will form the Council's approach to gambling matters under the Gambling Act 2005 for a 3 year period be approved unless reviewed in the interim.

(2) That any further revisions required to the Policy prior to submission to full Council on 18 November 2009 be delegated to the Licensing Manager in consultation with the lead Cabinet member.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

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Chairman**