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Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in the **Warren Room, Lewes House, 32 High Street, Lewes** on **Thursday, 26 October 2006** at 1:30pm

Present:

Councillors J F Daly (Chair), D H Mitchell (Vice-Chair), P L Bennett, A M Craven, K G Davies, L M Hallett and S I C James

Officers Attending:

Tim Albright, Principal Environmental Health Officer
David Feintuck, Committee Officer
Ian Kedge, Head of Environment and Health
Edward White, Licensing Lawyer

Minutes

Action

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors K D Mayers, C R O'Keeffe and T A Willis.

2 Membership of the Committee

The Committee considered Report number 232/06 which informed the Committee of the appointment of Councillor C R O'Keeffe in place of the late Councillor J C Fletcher.

Resolved:

- 2.1 That the appointment of Councillor C R O'Keeffe in place of the late Councillor J C Fletcher be confirmed.

3 Licensing Activity, August 2005 – October 2006

The Principal Environmental Health Officer gave a presentation, a copy of which appears as an Addendum to these Minutes, which summarised the Council's activity around the Licensing Act 2003 (which came into effect in November 2005) and the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005.

Councillors agreed that since longer opening hours of licensed premises had been available, conditions had not deteriorated and that late night disturbances had in general decreased in magnitude while sometimes persisting later into the night.

The Licensing Lawyer pointed out that once the Council became the enforcing authority for no smoking in public places from summer 2007 there may be applications for variation from licensed premises wishing to redesign their floor space.

Resolved:

- 3.1** That the officers involved in implementing and enforcing the Council's Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003 be commended for the success of that operation; and
- 3.2** That the Head of Environment and Health be requested to apprise councillors of the statutory requirements for licensing small scale gambling operations such as tombolas and race nights under the Gambling Act 2005.

Head of
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and Health

4 Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Policy Consultation

The Committee considered Report No 233/06 which considered the Council's draft Gambling Act Policy and the responses to statutory consultation. The Principal Environmental Health Officer referred to the summary of responses (Appendix 2 to the Report) and pointed out the general nature of many of the comments and that some other comments could not be considered until further Government Guidance was available.

Amendments to the draft Policy were considered necessary as a result of responses to the statutory consultation and at the recommendation of the District Solicitor at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 (to remove reference to duplication of regimes) and at paragraph 2.7 (to add reference to the need for a separate licence for off course operators).

Recommended:

- 4.1** That the draft Gambling Act Policy, as amended above, be adopted.

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5 Councillors' Training Requirements

The Committee considered Report No 234/06 which invited the Committee to identify any training needs for the coming year.

Resolved:

- 5.1** That the training provided thus far on the Licensing Act and Gambling Act had proved satisfactory; and
- 5.2** That necessary training for Licensing Committee councillors and substitutes be provided following the May 2007 Council elections.

District
Solicitor

The meeting ended at 2:30pm.