

Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in the **Telscombe Room, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes** on **Tuesday 26 January 2016** at **13.30pm**.

Present:

Councillors S Adeniji (Chair), B Bovington, M Chartier, P Gander, J Harrison-Hicks, I Linington and S Murray

Officers Present:

R Brittle, Committee Officer
 A Couper, Lawyer
 S Lindsay, Licensing Officer

	Minutes	Action
15	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	
16	<p>Apologies for Absence/Declaration of Substitute Members</p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors W Botting and S Gauntlett.</p>	
17	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>The Chair had agreed, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, that Membership of the Licensing Committee be considered as a matter of urgency in order that the Committee could make it decisions based on the most recent information which was available and delays in confirming the membership of the committee could be avoided.</p>	
18	<p>Membership of the Licensing Committee</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>18.1 That it be noted that Councillor I Linington had replaced Councillor S Osborne on the Licensing Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/2016.</p>	
19	<p>Updating of Lewes District Council's Gambling Statement of Principles</p> <p>The Committee considered Report No. 19/16, which set out the revised Gambling Statement of Principles as required by the Gambling Act 2005.</p>	

The Act required Licensing Authorities to prepare and publish a Statement of Principles for a three year period.

The Licensing Officer explained that the Act placed a duty upon the Council to ensure that the Statement of Principles promoted the three licensing objectives. They were:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling was conducted in a fair and open way, and
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited.

The amended Statement of Principles had been the subject to a three month consultation, which had included members of the gambling trade, responsible authorities, current licence holders and elected Members.

The Licensing Officer highlighted the changes in the Statement, which included updated contact details, and the inclusion of details regarding representations which would not be taken into account.

The statutory guidance stated that licensing authorities would find it useful to complete their own risk assessments (referred to as Local Area Profiles) of the local environment as a means of 'mapping out' local areas of concern, which could be reviewed and updated to reflect changes to the local landscape. The Licensing Officer however, advised the Committee that conducting a Local Area Profile would not be useful for the Council as since the implementation of the Gambling Act in 2005, the Council had only received one application to extend existing licensing premises, and no new premises had applied. There had also been a closure of three betting shops in Lewes.

Resolved:

- 19.1** That the revised Gambling Statement of Principles, as set out in Report No. 19/16 be noted;
- 19.2** That authority be delegated to the Director of Service Delivery to make any amendments to the draft statement in accordance with the Committee's comments;
- 19.3** That the Scrutiny Committee recommends that the amended statement be approved by Council; and
- 19.4** That the Licensing Committee agrees that it does not require the Director of Service Delivery to complete a Local Area Profile at this

time.

The meeting ended at 13:50pm

S Adeniji

Chair