

LICENSING COMMITTEE
15th July 2015

Present: Councillors: Jim Sanson (Chairman), Roger Clarke (Vice-Chairman), John Blackall, Karen Burgess, Peter Burgess, Philip Circus, Roy Cornell, Ian Howard, Tim Lloyd, Paul Marshall, Christian Mitchell

Apologies: Christine Costin, David Jenkins, Adrian Lee, Connor Relleen

LI/6 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LI/7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

LI/8 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

LI/9 **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY – GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Environmental Health and Licensing Officer reminded Members that the Gambling Act 2005 required Licensing Authorities to publish, at least every three years, a statement of their licensing policy. The policy, which had been approved by the Council, as the Licensing Authority, had to be the subject of public consultation and comments received had to be taken into account before formal adoption of the policy.

The draft policy would be subject to public consultation and have to be approved by Council, acting as the Licensing Authority, before being formally adopted. Were the Committee to approve the draft policy for consultation, there would be a three month consultation period beginning by 1 August 2015.

If adopted by the Council, the Gambling Licensing Policy would be published and provided to all relevant persons and it would be posted on the Council's website.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the draft Gambling Licensing Policy, as set out in the report, be approved for consultation purposes.

LI/9 Review of Licensing Policy – Gambling Act 2005 (cont.)

- (ii) That the draft Policy be published for consultation for a period of three months commencing on 1st August 2015.
- (iii) That, following the expiry of the consultation period and subject to there being no relevant representations, the Environmental Health & Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Policy.
- (iv) That, should relevant representations be received, a further report be submitted to the Licensing Committee with the outcomes of the consultation.

REASONS

- (i) To comply with legislative requirements.
- (ii) To ensure openness and transparency in the Council's decision making.
- (iii) To ensure that those persons affected by the policy have the opportunity to have an input into it

The meeting ended at 5.06pm having commenced at 5.00pm

CHAIRMAN