
MEETING	GAMBLING, LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE	19 NOVEMBER 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS BOYCE (CHAIR), DOUGHTY, GILLIES (VICE-CHAIR), GUNNELL, HORTON, LOOKER, MCILVEEN, ORRELL, REID, RICHARDSON, SEMLYEN AND TAYLOR
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS JEFFRIES, KING AND WATT

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

8. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - GAMBLING ACT 2005.

Members considered a report that advised them of the review of the councils statement of licensing policy, of the consultation undertaken and of the changes made as a result of the consultation and revised guidance.

Officers gave an update and stated that under section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 it required licensing authorities to determine and publish a statement of licensing policy every 3 years. Officers confirmed that the current policy expired on 31 January 2013 and the new statement of licensing policy must be approved by Full Council and be published before the current one expired.

Members were informed that a full consultation had been carried out in accordance with the Act and guidance. It commenced on 2 July 2012 and finished on the 28 September 2012.

Members considered the revised draft policy and debated on points 2.2 and 2.3. The licensing officer stated that the policy was a legal statement and that both points had been present on previous policies. She also assured Members that gambling premises do have a legal requirement to display official notices and leaflets about the problems that can arise from gambling.

The Chair passed on her thanks to those Members who had been involved in the licensing hearings.

RECOMMENDED: That Full Council be asked to approve the new statement of licensing policy.

REASON: To ensure the Council comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and publish a new statement of licensing policy before 31st January 2013.

Cllr B Boyce, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.35 pm].