

MINUTES

ALCOHOL AND ENTERTAINMENT
LICENSING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2010



COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Pam Bosworth (Chairman)
Councillor Christine Brough
Councillor George Chivers
Councillor Mike Exton

Councillor Mrs Margery Radley
Councillor Bob Russell
Councillor Graham Wheat
Councillor Mike Williams

OFFICERS

Assistant Solicitor (Paul Rushworth)
Licensing Officers (Peter Harrison, Pam Robinson, Richard Etherton)
Committee Support Officer (Lucy Bonshor)

6. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Broughton and Turner.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

8. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2010

Agreed as a correct record.

9. LICENSING POLICY - TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Decision:

That the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Licensing Policy 2011 – 2013 as appended to report ENV505 for implementation from 6th January 2011.

At the meeting of the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee held on 24th August Members had approved a draft licensing policy for consultation; the policy was kept under review and revised at least every three years. The document had been sent out to all statutory consultees and advertisements placed in the local press. The Licensing Officer highlighted small changes that had been made to the document and typographical errors. No comments had been received during the consultation period. Legislation was currently going through parliament which could affect the length of time that the document was reviewed and who could make representations against an application. It was possible that the Committee would need to look at the document again next year. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend to Council the adoption of the Licensing Policy.

10. THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (GAMBLING POLICY)

Decision:

That the Alcohol, Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment Licensing Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the revised Statement of Principles as appended to report ENV509.

Members had been circulated with the draft Statement of Principles (revised) which had been out to consultation for a twelve week period. Four replies to the consultation had been received, none of which resulted in any changes required to the document. The current Statement of Principles was adopted in October 2006 and it was necessary for the revised document to be adopted by Council at its December meeting. Since the Statement had been adopted by the Council no persons had been disadvantaged and all applications submitted under the Gambling Act had been dealt with within approved timescales and no appeals had been received against any decision. A meeting had been held with a Member of the Committee and of the two proposals put forward one had been incorporated into the document which concerned written evidence, the other referred to wording within the document which had been taken straight from the act and could not be changed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend Council adopt the revised Statement of Principles.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.37am.