

Minutes

of the Meeting of the
Licensing Committee



Friday, 26th October 2012

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held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 10.05am Meeting Concluded: 10.52am

Councillors:

P Felicity Baker (Chairman)

A Bob Bateman

P Chris Blades

P Andy Cole

P Bob Cook

John Crockford-Hawley

P Ann Harley

P Jill Iles

A Anne Kemp

P Tim Marter

P John Norton-Sealey

A Robert Payne

P Ian Porter

A David Shopland

A Roz Willis

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance: Mandy Bishop (Development & Environment), Sioux Isherwood (Development & Environment), Mark Ponsford (Development & Environment), Heather Sanders (Democratic Services), Sara Saunders (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services), Keith Taylor (Development & Environment)

LIC **Declarations of Interest by Members (Agenda Item 3)**

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None.

LIC **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2011 (Agenda Item 4)**

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Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

LIC **Annual Licensing Report (Agenda Item 6.1)**

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The Director of Development & Environment reported on the licensing activities undertaken throughout the previous year in relation to the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005.

The representative of the Director of Development & Environment responded to Members' questions and queries regarding the following:

The increase in the number of Temporary Event Notice applications;
Extension of the powers of suspension for non-payment across other regulatory areas;
The effect of the Cumulative Impact Area on workloads;
Charging for pre-application advice given to applicants, as was the practice with the Council's Development Management function.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

**LIC
4** **Revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (Agenda Item 6.2)**

The Director of Development & Environment reported on a review of the Statement of Principles that set out how the Council would discharge its functions in relation to gambling. Referring to the public consultation that had been undertaken as part of the review the representative of the Director of Development & Environment drew Members' attention to a representation from Clevedon Town Council regarding the adoption of a 'no casino resolution'.

Discussing the revised Statement of Principles the Committee considered that the adoption of a no casino resolution was not necessary as the legislation prevented any new casino licences being issued, concluding that it would be prudent for the Council to reserve its position on this pending any future change in the legislation which might permit new casino licences in the future.

Recommended to the Council: that the revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 be adopted and approved.

Chairman
