

Minutes

of the Meeting of the

Licensing Committee

Friday, 27th November 2015

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

Meeting Commenced: 10am

Meeting Concluded: 10.39am

Councillors:

A Felicity Baker (Chairman)

P Karen Barclay

P Ericka Blades

P James Clayton

A John Crockford-Hawley

A Jill Iles

Kate Stowey

A Martin Williams

P Chris Blades

Mary Blatchford

A Andy Cole

P Ann Harley

P Marcia Pepperall

James Tonkin

P Roz Willis

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance: Sioux Isherwood (Development & Environment), Heather Sanders (Corporate Services)

LIC Election of Chairman for the meeting

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Resolved: that Councillor Chris Blades be elected as Chairman for the meeting.

LIC Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Agenda item 3)

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None.

LIC Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 June 2015 (Agenda item 4)

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

LIC Adoption of Revised Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (Agenda item 6)

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The Director of Development and Environment reported on the adoption of a Statement of Principles which set out how the Authority would administer its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The Director of Development and Environment's representative told the Committee that there was a

requirement to review the Statement of Principles every three years and that accordingly consultation on the revised statement had been undertaken with no adverse comments having been received. Noting that the revised statement would come into effect from 31 January 2016, the Licensing Committee now reviewed the revised Statement of Principles when it was,

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

LIC 9 Arrangements for convening meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Agenda item 7)

At the previous meeting some Members had questioned the effectiveness of the arrangements for appointing Members of the Licensing Committee to the Licensing Sub-Committee which determined applications. Accordingly, it had been agreed to monitor the arrangements for a trial period in order to assess the fairness of the appointment process. Those Members present now indicated that the extant arrangements were satisfactory, proposing that a further review be undertaken at the Committee's next meeting in order to ensure that these arrangements remained fit for purpose.

Chairman
