

**MINUTES of the meeting of Licensing Committee held on Monday 16  
March 2009 at 7.00 pm.**

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**Present:** Councillors Robert Gledhill (Chair), John Purkiss (Vice-Chair), Charles Curtis, Peter Harris and Barrie Lawrence

**In attendance:** R Galliers, Senior Licensing Officer  
B Clarke, Principal Democratic Services Officer

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**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Licensing Committee, held on 5 November 2007, were unable to be approved as a correct record due to a change in Committee Membership. A request was put forward by the Chair to seek that the former Chair of the Licensing Act 2003 Committee approve the minutes, which would be reported to the next meeting.

**3 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair informed Members that there were no items of urgent business.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared.

**5 REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE  
GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Licensing Officer was invited to present his report which recommended that the Committee note the Statement of Principles issued in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 which was required to be reviewed and consulted upon and that direction be received that the results of the consultation be reported back to this Committee for consideration.

Members were informed that the Statement of Principles which currently contained information that was irrelevant, was required to be

reviewed on a 3 year cycle and be in place, approved by Council by February 10, 2010.

Members were further informed that the preface may also be changed to reflect the current demographics, when the new figures were released.

Responding to a query raised in relation to the cost of the consultation, Members were informed that production of documents would be in the region of £150 - £300, plus the cost of circulation to in the region of 200 – 250 people.

In responding to a further Member enquiry regarding the recovery of costs for the consultation, it was stated that it was doubtful that the costs would be fully met by Government grants. (Ron – I don't understand my notes. Chair asked "recover cost of consultation?" You said "are set by Government for recovering the cost of the operation – you suspect these costs will not meet the full amount – raise and central government". I don't know how to interpret this. Can you amend this to make sense please.

The Chair proposed that the Statement of Principles be reviewed and consulted upon and the results of the consultation be reported to a future meeting for consideration. This was duly seconded by Councillor Purkiss and agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Statement of Principles be reviewed and consulted upon with the results of the consultation to be reported to a future meeting for consideration.**

**The meeting finished at 7.05pm.**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**

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