

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

17th March 2009 at 9.45 a.m.
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Silvester (Chair);
Councillors Rouf (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Dr. Crumpton, Frear,
R. Horton, Mrs. A. Hughes, McHard, Sidhu and
Tagger.

Observer: Councillor Rowley

Apologies: Councillors Dhallu and Mrs. E.M. Giles.

1/09 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

2/09 **Review of Fees and Charges for 2009/10 in relation to Services provided by Communities and Regulatory Services (Gambling Licensing Fees.)**

The Committee considered a report that set out the proposed fees and charges for the year 2009/10 for Services provided by Communities and Regulatory Services (Gambling Licensing Fees.) The setting of fees was provided for by Section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005. Premises licences fees were to be set via a series of bands, with a prescribed maximum. Licensing Authorities must set fees from within the bands, limited to the cost of recovery.

The Council's Financial Regulation 4.30 set out a requirement for service area fees and charges to be reviewed on an annual basis.

In setting the budget proposals for 2009/10 the fees and charges as set out in the report had been taken into account.

In accordance with the Council's decision on 6th March, 2007 to delegate responsibility for setting fees and charges under the Gambling

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Act 2005 to the Licensing Committee, subject to consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member on budgetary implications, the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities had on 16th March, 2009 considered the proposed fees and charges and decided to recommend those fees and charges to the Licensing Committee for approval.

Resolved that the proposed fees and charges under the Gambling Act 2005, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved and implemented from 1st April 2009.

(The meeting ended at 10 a.m.)

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