

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

14th September, 2012 at 10.00 am
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair);
Councillor Silvester (Vice Chair)
Councillors Dr Crumpton, Dhallu, Eaves, E A
Giles, Hadley, Tranter and A Underhill.

Apologies: Councillors Piper and Wilkinson.

9/12 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May, 2012, be confirmed as a correct record.

10/12 **The Gambling Act, 2005 – Review of the Statement of Licensing Principles**

Members considered the third Statement of Licensing Principles, and noted that previous Statements of Principles had been approved by Council in December 2006 and December 2009 respectively.

Furthermore, it was noted that the Gambling Act 2005 required the Council to review its Statement of Licensing Principles every three years and to publish a statement of those principles on the Council's web site before the beginning of that period.

Officers advised that, in line with statutory guidance, various agencies and partner organisations would be consulted on the document, and that should the consultation receive any significant responses, these would be presented to the Committee prior to consideration at Council on 4th December, 2012. Members considered that the Social Care and Lifestyles Scrutiny Board should be added to the list of consultees in view of the links to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

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Members noted that there were two casino licences in Sandwell, and that as there were no further casino licences available nationally, it would not be possible for new licences to be granted in Sandwell, regardless of whether the authority chose to pass a no casino resolution.

Resolved

- (1) that in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005, and subject to any comments received as a result of the consultation process referred to in paragraph 1.7 of the report, Council be recommended to approve the revised Statement of Principles, as set out in Appendix 1, with effect from 10th January 2013, including the no casino resolution;
- (2) that the Social Care and Lifestyles Scrutiny Board be added to the list of consultees for the Gambling Act, 2005 – review of the Statement of Licensing Principals consultation.

(The meeting ended at 10.51 pm)

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