



Rushcliffe
Borough Council

**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALCOHOL & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 27 JULY 2015**

Held at 7 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road,
West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors D J Mason (Chairman), R A Adair, N A Brown, B Buschman, H A Chewings, G Davidson, R A Inglis, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, E J Lungley, G R Mallender, G S Moore and J A Stockwood

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Banks	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods
D Collings	Senior Licensing Officer
A Goodman	Member Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors K P Beardsall, T Combellack and K A Khan

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Monday 7 October 2013 were accepted as a true record.

Scrap metal collectors – The Senior Licensing Officer informed Members that there had been no issues to report following the introduction of the new legislation. Initially the number of applications had significantly increased, as most operators had applied for licenses in several areas. Occurrences of theft had dramatically decreased over the last year and any reports of unlicensed activity were referred to the police. Last year licensing officers had conducted an operation in partnership with the police, to stop and check scrap metal vehicles at the weighbridge in Saxondale. The exercise revealed one unlicensed trader, who consequently faced prosecution and their vehicle was confiscated. The Council had received one appeal against the refusal to grant a license and this matter had been referred to the Council's Licensing Committee, which upheld the decision.

3. Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles 2016 to 2019

The Senior Licensing Officer informed Members that Section 349(1) of the Gambling Act 2005 imposed a statutory requirement upon the Council, as the statutory Licensing Authority, to prepare a statement of principles and to

review it every three years. In line with the legislation, the Draft Statement would go out for public consultation, prior to further consideration by the Committee, before being forwarded to Council for approval.

The Senior Licensing Officer explained that the policy had been reviewed and updated by the Nottinghamshire Licensing Group to comply with the new guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. The main changes from the previous version of the Policy were the addition of a section on Local Area Profile and the requirement for operators to provide Local Risk Assessments from April 2015. To assist with this new legislation, a profile of the whole Borough would be available on the Council's website that provided demographic information and identified potential risks, including the location of schools and other licensed premises.

The Group felt that the West Bridgford Local Area Forum and the Police and Crime Commissioner should be added to the list of bodies and organisation that were consulted.

Action The Senior Licensing Officer to add the West Bridgford Local Area Forum and the Police and Crime Commissioner to the list of consultees contained in appendix one

In response to questions the Senior Licensing Officer explained that under the section Vulnerable Persons, "people who gamble more than they want to" referred to people who had self-excluded themselves from betting premises on a voluntary basis. Tracks were sites where races or sporting events took place and operated self contained betting premises, often with several licenses. Within the Borough there were two track sites, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and Nottingham Forest Football Club.

Members expressed concern in respect of gambling via mobile phone "apps" and the controls in place to protect vulnerable people, as often the companies involved were not UK based. The Senior Licensing Officer reported that within the last six months the Gambling Commission had received powers to enable them to investigate the advertising of such sites.

With regard to who was responsible for enforcement, the Group was informed that the Gambling Commission took a proactive approach and that licensing officers worked with them. Applications for gaming machines in public houses were assessed by licensing officers and most companies were compliant, with one offering free training to officers and the Police

Members questioned how the consultation on the draft policy would be advertised and whether it was appropriate to place an article in "Rushcliffe Reports", the Council's news publication, as not everyone had access to the website. The Senior Licensing Officer explained that all Borough Councillors and Parish Councils would be consulted, however the process was not open to the general public. The consultation period would run from 28 July 2015 to 28 September 2015 and there would be a further meeting of the Committee in October to consider any responses that were received.

It was AGREED that the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2019 be sent out for public consultation, prior to being presented to Council in December for approval.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

**Action Sheet
Alcohol & Entertainment Licensing Committee
Monday 27 July 2015**

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
2 Notes of the Previous Meeting	None	
3 Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles 2016 to 2019	Add the West Bridgford Local Area Forum and the Police and Crime Commissioner to the list of consultees contained in appendix one	The Senior Licensing Officer

Responses

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