

NOTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE ALCOHOL & ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING COMMITTEE THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Banks Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods

D Collings Senior Licensing Officer A Goodman Member Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors B Buschman and T Combellack

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

5. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Monday 27 July 2015 were accepted as a true record.

Scrap metal collectors – The Senior Licensing Officer informed Members that there had been no changes to report following the introduction of the new legislation.

6. **Draft Statement of Licensing Principles Review**

The Senior Licensing Officer reported that in December 2006 the Council approved the initial Statement of Licensing Principles ("the Statement") issued under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act"). The Act made provision for the Statement to be reviewed every three years.

In conjunction with the Nottinghamshire Authorities Licensing Group (NALG) a review was undertaken of the current Statement and only minor amendments were made to it which was approved in 2012. The draft statement together with a document outlining the minor proposed changes had been considered by the Committee at its meeting in July 2015. Members were reminded that

this was the third review of the Statement, the first taking place in 2009, and the last in 2012. Over the three year lifespan of the current Statement few changes had been made, resulting in only minor amendments to it. These mainly related to Local Area profile and Local Risk Assessments.

Members were informed that Section 349 (3) of the Act stated that before determining its policy for a three year period the licensing authority must consult with the chief officer of police, one or more persons who appear to the licensing authority to represent the interest of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority's area and other persons who appear to the Licensing Authority to represent the interests of persons likely to be affected by gambling.

In addition to the statutory consultees, the consultation exercise was extended in line with the recommendations contained within the statutory guidance. Additional organisations, whose opinion it was felt appropriate to seek, were consulted directly and a full list of consultees had been included in the draft statement. The general public were also given the opportunity to comment on the amended Statement via the Council's website during the consultation period.

The consultation period began on 28 July 2015 and ended on 28 September 2015. During this period, two direct comments were received from Coral Racing and the Association of British Bookmakers, and one indirect comment via the NALG from Novomatics. Across the County very few comments were received demonstrating that the current Statement of Licensing Principles had been broadly successful in achieving its aim to provide an effective framework for the administration of the Act. The Senior Licensing Officer informed Members that a few minor changes had been made to the Draft Statement that was considered by the Committee in July 2015.

The Revised Statement of Licensing Principles Gambling Act 2005 would be presented to Council for approval on 10December 2015, prior to its publication on 3 January 2016.

It was AGREED that the proposed Statement of Licensing Principles be presented for approval by Council on 10 December 2015.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

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Minute Number		Actions	Officer Responsible
4	Notes of the Previous Meeting	None	
5	Draft Statement of Licensing Principles Review	None	