

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday 12 December 2006 at 9.30am in the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Present

Councillors Les Stevens (Chair)
David Stephen Butler (Vice-chair)
Margaret Foster
Jacqui Hancock
Frank Jonas
Lee Mason (arrived at 9.40am)
Luke Stubbs
Linda Symes
April Windebank

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Jensen, Debbie Tomes and Robin Sparshatt.

26 **Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14 (AI 1)**

There were no declarations of interest made.

27 **Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 31 October 2006 (AI 2)**

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 31 October 2006 be agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

28 **Matters Arising From The Minutes (AI 3)**

There were no matters arising.

29 **Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meetings held on 7, 14 and 28 November and 5 December 2006 (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 7, 14 and 28 November and 5 December 2006 be confirmed and signed by the appropriate Chair as a correct record.

30 **Matters Arising From The Minutes (AI 5)**

There were no matters arising.

31 **Gambling Act 2005 – Adoption of Statement of Licensing Principles and other related matters (AI 6)**

(TAKE IN REPORT BY THE LICENSING MANAGER)

The Licensing Manager introduced her report and explained to members that the report details the representations received in response to the consultation process undertaken on the draft Statement of Licensing Principles. The report also requests approval of the proposed final statement and to commend it for formal adoption by the City Council.

Councillor David Stephen Butler wished to place on record his thanks, on behalf of the Committee, to the Licensing Manager and her team for all the work that had gone into compiling a very detailed report. He was particularly pleased to read that in relation to the 'no casino resolution', that this would be reviewed at three yearly intervals or sooner should the circumstances warrant a revision of the resolution.

RESOLVED (1) that the Licensing Committee:

- (a) Considered the responses received and approved the amendments to the proposed final statement of licensing principles;**
- (b) Referred the report to the Council for information and guidance in respect of the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005;**

(2) that the City Council be recommended

- (a) to adopt the statement of licensing principles in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005;**
- (b) in accordance with Section 157(h) of the Act, the Licensing Authority designates in writing Portsmouth City Council to be the body which is competent to advise it about the protection of children from harm in its area and that this function be undertaken by the Strategic Director for Children, Families and Learning;**
- (c) that the Licensing Committee be delegated to set appropriate annual licence fees under Section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005;**
- (d) that the Licensing Authority's decision making powers be delegated in accordance with paragraph 30 of the final statement of licensing principles; and**
- (e) that the responsibility for the consideration of applications for registration of small society lotteries in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005 be delegated to the Licensing Committee who may further delegate its decision making function to a sub-committee or the City Solicitor.**

The meeting concluded at 9.45am.

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Signed by the Chair.