

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Licensing Committee held on Friday, 23 June 2017 at 9.30 am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillors Lee Mason (Chair)
Dave Ashmore
David Fuller
Paul Godier
Steve Hastings
Leo Madden
Stephen Morgan
David Tompkins

10. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies were received from Councillors Hannah Hockaday, Scott Harris, Ian Lyon and Gemma New.

11. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

No interests were declared.

12. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 March 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

Members asked that Councillor Bird be thanked for the good work she had carried out as Chair of the Licensing Committee.

13. Adoption of Statement of Licensing Policy - Gambling Act 2005. (AI 4)

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and in response to questions from the panel explained that the consultation had been sufficiently extensive to reach interested people. She was satisfied that the consultation had been carried out as well as was possible. The low response rate might have been because the draft policy had been written in such a way that people were satisfied with the provision within.

Members discussed how the council could help to reduce the significant harm caused by gambling.

The Licensing Manager advised that the committee or council could write to the Secretary of State expressing their concerns and requesting that the policy be reviewed.

Members agreed the following word change:

Page 13, appendix A - the last line be changed to read: '... if they provide facilities for gambling.'

RESOLVED that the committee:

- 1. Considered the responses received and approved the amendments to the proposed final statement of licensing policy with amendments.**
- 2. Referred this report to Council for information and guidance in respect of the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 and**
- 3. Recommended that Council adopt the statement of licensing policy in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.**

14. Adoption of Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003. (AI 5)

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and explained that the police had been engaged significantly in the preparation of the draft statement that was considered by the committee in February.

The data regarding violent incidents in Guildhall Walk area was discussed.

The committee requested that the police attend the Council meeting for this item to provide advice and guidance should this be required.

RESOLVED that the committee:

- 1. Received the responses and approved the proposed final statement of licensing policy with a minor amendment.**
- 2. Referred this report to Council for information and guidance in respect of the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and**
- 3. Recommended that Council adopt the statement of licensing policy which incorporates the committee's amendment, in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 with effect from 12 July 2017.**

The meeting concluded at 10.35am.

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Signed by the chair, Councillor Lee Mason