

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Wednesday, 18 June 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor – Chairman.

Councillors K M Baker, J T Bell, J J Dutton, R W J Eaton, R S Farrer, A Hansard, R Powell, J M Sadler, T D Sanderson and J S Watt.

APOLOGY: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors I R Muir.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th May 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBER

Members noted that the appointment of a Member to fill the current vacancy on the list of Sub-Committee Membership would need to be deferred pending the appointment of an additional Liberal Democrat Member to serve on the Licensing and Protection Panel/Licensing Committee which was due for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 25th June 2008.

9. LICENSING ACT 2003 - DELEGATIONS

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) recommending that the existing arrangements for officers to make representations under the Licensing Act 2003 be approved formally.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Head of Planning Services be authorised to act on behalf of the local planning authority under Section 13 (4) (d) of the Licensing Act 2003; and
- (b) that the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services be authorised to act on behalf of the environmental health authority under Section 13 (4) (e) of the Licensing Act 2003.

10. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - DELEGATIONS

Further to Minute No. 07/10, the Committee considered a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) seeking approval for further delegations to officers to enable them to implement and administer the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Licensing Manager be authorised to act on behalf of the licensing authority under Section 157 (a) of the Gambling Act 2005; and
- (b) that the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services be authorised to act on behalf of the environmental health authority under Section 157 (g) of the Gambling Act 2005.

11. EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) outlining the outcome of a recent review by the Government into the implementation and impact of the Licensing Act 2003 which had come into force in November 2005.

Members were advised that the review had concluded that the freedoms introduced by the Act were being used well but that the powers to tackle problems were not sufficiently well known and were not being taken advantage of. Having been advised that this reflected the situation locally where the implementation and administration of the Act and its provision had operated smoothly, despite the somewhat last minute issue of many of the required regulations, the Committee

RESOLVED

that the contents of the report now submitted and the evaluation exercise published by the Department for Culture Media and Sport be noted.

Chairman