

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in Meeting Room 1B on Wednesday, 20 June 2012.

- PRESENT: Councillor J W Davies – Chairman.
- Councillors I J Curtis, R S Farrer, R Fuller, G J Harlock, C R Hyams, A J Mackender-Lawrence, M C Oliver and T D Sanderson.
- APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors K M Baker, Mrs P A Jordan and S M Van De Kerkhove.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 26th October 2011 and 16th May 2012 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

5. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor R S Farrer declared a personal interest in Minute No.6 by virtue of his position as landlord of a property used for the purposes of gambling.

6. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) to which was attached a draft Statement of Principles under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005.

The current Statement had been approved by the Council on 2nd December 2009 and under the requirements of the Act must be reviewed at least every three years. Members were advised that a revised final draft would be submitted to the Panel at its meeting in October for endorsement to the Cabinet and the Council.

In considering the report and having noted the timetable for its publication, the Panel agreed that the draft Statement should be circulated for a consultation period of 12 weeks in order to fulfil its duties under the Act. Accordingly, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the draft Statement of Principles as set out in the appendix attached to the report now submitted be approved for public consultation;
- (b) that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make any amendments to the draft Statement that are considered necessary as a result of any comments

received from the public consultation exercise or arising from any new guidance issued to licensing authorities by the Gambling Commission; and

- (c) that the revised final draft be submitted to the Licensing Committee on 23rd October 2012 for endorsement to the Cabinet and Council to come into effect on 31st January 2013.

Chairman