

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held in The Council Chamber, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Monday, 27th November 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor J M Sadler – Chairman.  
Councillors K M Baker, J T Bell, A Hansard, D Harty, I R Muir and J S Watt.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J D Fell, R Powell and Ms M Wheeler.

### 10. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 11. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

### 12. GAMBLING ACT 2005 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

With the aid of a report by the Head of Administration (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Committee were acquainted with the Council's arrangements to adopt the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles. The Committee noted that the Statement should be approved by the Council at least 28 days prior to the 31st January 2007 when it would come into effect for the ensuing three years period.

Members were reminded that at their meeting held on 24th August 2006 the Committee had approved a draft Statement for consultation, which would end on 23rd November 2006. The Statement had been widely issued to relevant authorities and organisations and the Committee were presented with a summary of the responses. Comments on the representations received had been included in the report submitted and a number of changes had been made to the draft Statement to reflect the submissions made. In addition, Members were informed that a change had been made to correct an error, which was the result of a misinterpretation of the legislation by the Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services, whose template had been used to carry out the consultation.

Members were acquainted with the implications of a number of aspects of the statement. Having also been informed that the date on which applications could be received had been put back to 30th April 2007, it was

RESOLVED

that the Council be recommended to approve the Statement of Principles under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 as set out in Annex B to the report now submitted for a period of three years commencing on 31st January 2007.

Chairman