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# **Licensing Committee**

**Report of the meeting held on 18th June 2008**

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## **Matters for Information**

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**1. LICENSING ACT 2003 - DELEGATIONS**

The Committee has formally approved existing arrangements for Officers to make representations under the Licensing Act 2003 on behalf of the Council which is defined as the responsible body for both the planning and environmental health functions.

**2. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - DELEGATIONS**

The Panel has authorised the Licensing Manager and the Head of Environmental and Community Health Services respectively to act on behalf of the licensing and environmental health authorities for the purpose of making representations under the Gambling Act 2005.

**3. EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Committee has been advised of the outcome of a recent review by the Government into the implementation and impact of the Licensing Act 2003 which came into force in November 2005. The review concluded that the freedoms introduced by the Act are being used well but that the powers to tackle problems are not sufficiently well known and are not being taken advantage of. Members have been advised that this reflects the situation locally where the implementation and administration of the Act and its provision has operated smoothly, despite the late issue of many of the required regulations.

J M Sadler  
Chairman