

## ITEM 3 (a)

Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015 at 6:30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Morris (Chair)  
Councillors Exon, Geaney, Green, Lewis, McDonald, Patey-Smith, Wallis, Webb, C Williams and P Williams

**Officers:** C Londy (Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards), S Teesdale (Licensing Team Leader), L Gardner (Case Manager, Litigation), N Ahmad (Solicitor - Planning), V Blane (Solicitor [Planning and Environment]), A Burton (Rights of Way Officer), E Fisher (Senior Practitioner), A Ward (Senior Practitioner) and S Heap (Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager).

**Apologies:** Councillors Alexander, R Gifford and Miles

### LC11 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 23 September 2015, and the meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 23 and 24 September 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records,

### LC12 **CONSIDERATION OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES 2016 - 2019**

The Committee considered the outcome of a review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Principles.

It was reported that the original Statement was adopted by the Council in 2007 and had been reviewed every three years as required by Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The Committee heard that the existing Statement had been reviewed against the statutory requirements detailed in the Gambling Act and the associated Regulations and a number of necessary minor corrections had been identified. The Statement had also been reviewed for accuracy to reflect current circumstances and updated accordingly.

It was also reported that with effect from April 2016 applications for premises licences would need to include consideration of local risks. However, as to what constituted a local risk was not defined and the Licensing Authority was able to formulate a Local Area Profile of 'local risks'; to guide applicants. While there was no requirement for the Licensing Authority to have a Local Area Profile it was suggested that there was potential benefit, as a Profile would make local circumstances more evident and assist decisions on applications, accordingly reference had been made in the revised Statement to Local Area Profiles and the views of relevant partners would shortly

be obtained as to the possibility of producing Local Area Profiles for Milton Keynes.

The Committee was advised that the revised Statement had been circulated for consultation to councillors; town and parish councils; Responsible Authorities under the Act; those representing persons carrying on gambling businesses in Milton Keynes and other interested parties which were detailed in the Statement. As a result of the consultation responses further amendments had been made to the draft Statement.

The Committee received additional responses to the consultation from the Association of British Bookmakers, submitted after the agenda had been published, which if accepted, would require further amendments to the revised Statement.

**RESOLVED -**

That the Council be recommended to approve the draft Statement of Gambling Principles 2016 – 2019, subject to:

- (a) The proposed change to paragraph 2.10 being amended to read:

“The Council consulted those organisations; businesses and individuals as listed at Appendix B in respect of this policy. The list of consultees will be updated from time to time.”
- (b) Section 7.5 being deleted from the draft Statement.
- (c) Section 9.1 being amended to include the phrase “the Council does not impose standardised additional conditions based on the gambling use of a premise and imposition of non-mandatory conditions will be based on promotion of the licensing objectives”.
- (d) Section 16.3 being amended to read “The Licensing Authority recognises that disorder (including low level disorder) can occur at or outside particular premises as a result of the licence in place. Therefore it recommends that an applicant puts in place such control measures considered proportionate to prevent and minimise such issues. Consideration, where relevant, will be given to the placing of appropriate conditions on the licence where the licensing objectives are compromised, e.g. governing opening hours or the use of Door Supervisors”.
- (e) The last sentence of Paragraph 16.9 being amended as follows to make situation clearer:

“It is not possible to predict every scenario but some circumstances might include siting certain machines where they cannot be seen by children; restricting advertising; and ensuring there is no accidental access to enter premises by design.”
- (f) The last sentence of Paragraph 30.1 being amended to read:

“In addition, the Licensing Authority recommends that an

application for such premises carefully considers the location of gaming and other machines so as to promote the licensing objectives both within and external to the premises”.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:49 PM