

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Friday 30 November 2012 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1005

Concluded 1030

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Ellis	Dredge
Walls	Khaliq
	Ruding
	Swallow

Councillor Ruding in the Chair

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

6. MINUTES

Resolved -

- (1) That the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 11 June 2012 be signed as a correct record.
- (2) That the minutes of the Licensing Panels held on the following dates be signed as correct records:

Bradford Licensing Panel

21 May 2012
28 June 2012
13 July 2012
16 August 2012
24 September 2012

Keighley & Shipley Licensing Panel

28 June 2012
16 August 2012
24 September 2012



Suzan Hemingway - City Solicitor

7. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

9. PROPOSED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES 2013 - 2016 FOR APPROVAL BY FULL COUNCIL

The Assistant Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services presented **Document “A”** which detailed the outcome of a public consultation exercise in respect of the Statement of Gambling Principles for the District as required by the Gambling Act 2005 and proposed a final draft recommendation for adoption by Full Council on 11 December 2012.

Members were informed that the consultation had commenced on 5 October 2012 and the consultation policy document (Appendix 1 to **Document “A”**) had been widely circulated. The proposed changes reflected the updates in the regulations since 2009. It was noted that one comment had been received on 23 November 2012 from the Bradford District Chamber of Trade and they supported the document.

The City Solicitor confirmed that the Council was required to adopt a new policy every three years and reiterated that the majority of the alterations updated the regulations and guidance from the Gambling Commission. Under the Act, the Licensing Authority had to address three broad licensing objectives and he confirmed that the policy followed the statutory guidance.

Members then raised the following points:

- What objections were likely to be received if applicants did not address the objectives?
- Could a premises be forced to provide facilities for disabled people?
- How much consideration would be given to the applicant's public transport arrangements?
- The wording of 24.2 needed to be revised.
- How would applicants adhere to the protection of “vulnerable persons”?
- Could premises be requested to promote GamCare?
- Gambling was an addiction and could be hidden.

The City Solicitor responded that:

- Very few objections were received.
- The public sector had an overriding duty to eliminate discrimination. The Equality Act was a separate piece of legislation and had been placed in the policy in order to bring it to the attention of applicants. Its purpose was mainly for information.
- The point regarding public transport arrangements was to ensure that if the premises was frequented by many people late at night that there was transport provision, i.e. a dedicated taxi service.
- The wording of 24.2 would be amended.
- Notices could be placed in premises promoting the services of GamCare. The Gambling Commission issued its own licences for the premises and, therefore, they

would pick up some of these issues.

- Paragraph 7 of the policy identified appropriate conditions and referred to GamCare.
- In relation to gambling all the Authority could do was ensure that premises had all the relevant information and promoted it.

Resolved –

That the Committee recommends to Council that the document attached as appendix 1 to Document “A” be adopted and published, with minor amendment discussed at the meeting, as the District’s Statement of Licensing Principles pursuant to the Gambling Act 2005 (subject to any amendments that Council feels is appropriate) and that the Assistant Director of Environmental & Regulatory Services should be given delegated authority to approve any necessary amendments of a minor or drafting nature prior to formal publication.

ACTION: Assistant Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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