
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2012

Present –

MEMBERS:

Councillor Lawson (Chairman), Bhinder, G Chapman, Conway, Mrs Green, R Hollinghurst, Link, Peter, Ryan, G Sutton, Taylor and Whitman.

OFFICERS:

L Crowley	Solicitor
R Hill	Licensing Team Leader
S Taylor	Senior Assistant Licensing Officer
T Coston	Member Support Officer, Democratic Services (Minutes)

The meeting began at 7:30 pm

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman introduced newly appointed Licensing Team Leader, Ross Hill, to the Committee.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2012 and 16 May 2012 were confirmed by the members present and then signed by the Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Fantham and Rance.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6. GAMBLING ACT 2005 – REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

R Hill introduced the report and explained it related to the review of the Council's statement of principles of the Gambling Act 2005. He explained that Dacorum Borough Council is responsible for the regulation of local premises based gambling activities within the borough under the Gambling Act 2005. This involves the administration and enforcement of premises licenses for betting shops, sports grounds, bingo halls and amusement arcades, and of permits for the provision of gaming machines or other forms of prize gaming.

He explained that Dacorum Borough Council is required to republish its statement every three years following a full review. The officers produced a proposed draft statement for the period of January 2013 – 2016 which was attached to the report at Appendix A.

He advised that the council must conduct a consultation of the proposed statement, and the committee were asked to consider and agree the recommendations in order for the consultation to commence. He referred to paragraph 4.1 on page 6 of the report where the proposed timetable for the consultation was detailed. He added that any responses from the consultation would be discussed at September's committee meeting. He explained that the final adoption of the statement is required to be agreed at full council in November, in order to be adopted and published prior to the prescribed date in January 2013. He then welcomed any questions from the committee.

Councillor Lawson referred to paragraph 2.3 on page 5 of the report relating to the Gambling Commissions recent edition of Guidance, and queried if they would be required to go through the process again to reflect any changes when the document is published later this year.

R Hill replied he felt that shouldn't be the case as the changes they are proposing were relatively minor. He said the document should be published prior to the return to the committee in September and therefore any necessary amendments could be considered at that time.

There were no further questions.

Voting:

Unanimously agreed;

whereupon it was:

Resolved:

That the Committee noted the proposed amendments to the draft Statement of Principles for the period of 31 January 2013 to 30 January 2016, and instructed officers to commence the consultation, as set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 7:35 pm