

## **MINUTES**

## LICENSING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

22 MAY 2018

## **Present:**

## **Members:**

**Councillors:** Adeleke  
Mrs Bassadone  
Conway  
P Hearn (Chairman)  
Howard  
Link  
Peter  
Taylor  
Whitman

<b>Officers:</b>	Nathan March	Licensing Team Leader
	Sharon Burr	Directorate Support Assistant (minutes)
	Janet Hewitt	Directorate Support Assistant (minutes)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm.

**3** **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 were agreed by the members present and then signed by the Chairman.

## **4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Douris and Mills.

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

7 REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICIES FOR GAMBLING LICENCES

NMarch explained that the Act requires licensing authorities as a statutory requirement to carry out a review of the Policy every three years in order to reflect the current legislation. The policy was last reviewed in 2015 and is due to be replaced in January 2019. There have been no problems during the last three years.

The main change is the introduction of a formalised Local Area Profile document, and other clarifications are a clearer explanation of what is considered to constitute a ‘premises’, and also requirements regarding plans that need to be submitted with applications (page 17: 11.2 and 11.3 of the policy).

Other changes to the revised policy is under “Location of Premises” – Local Risk Assessments; this clarifies that risk assessments must be kept at the individual premises to which they relate (page 22: 13.4).

An 8-week consultation period is proposed and must go to the Police for the authority’s area, one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons carrying on gambling businesses in the authority’s area and one or more persons who appear to the authority to represent the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority’s functions under the Act.

The list of persons to be consulted provided by the Gambling Commission is deliberately wide encouraging a comprehensive consultation exercise with anyone who may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the Council’s statement. As well as direct consultation with known interested parties, the draft revision of the document will also be made available on the Council’s website for any person to comment on.

Councillor Mrs Bassadone asked does everyone have to re-apply. NMarch replied no, but the changes to the Policy could have an impact on them and they should therefore ensure that they are aware of the contents.

Councillor Whitman asked if the government’s new maximum stake of £2 would impact us. NMarch explained that the limit just prevents people spending as quickly as they have been able to previously on certain machines which does not affect the policy but is a positive change in terms of protecting vulnerable individuals in the community. However, mobile gambling, which is the most accessible, cannot be regulated by DBC as DBC can only regulate premises in our area.

Resolved:

That the Licensing and Health and Safety Enforcement Committee unanimously agreed the recommendation;

That officers commence consultation with responsible authorities, representatives of licence-holders and other persons on the proposed revisions to the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005, and report the results to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting ended at 7.40 pm