

LICENSING COMMITTEE

4 JULY 2006

Present: County Councillor Griffiths (Chairperson);
County Councillors Michaelis, Derrick Morgan and
Smith

Apologies: County Councillors Bridges, Cox, Goddard and
Holland

L1 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2006 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

L2 : LICENSING REFORM – STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY

The Chief Strategic Planning & Environment Officer presented a report on the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy. Under the Gambling Act 2005 every Licensing Authority had to publish a Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy which sets out the principles that it proposes to apply in exercising its functions under the Act.

The Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy must be published before any applications for Gambling Premises Licences can be determined. Officers advised Members of the tight timetable for formally adopting the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy. Members were asked to consider a draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy, which had been prepared in accordance with guidance issue by the Licensing Commission, and Officers sought the Committee's approval for the draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for the purpose of further consultation.

RESOLVED – That the draft Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy be approved for the purpose of public consultation.

L3 : LICENSING SERVICE – SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2005/2006

The Chief Strategic Planning & Environment Officer presented a report summarising details for the information of the Committee of the work undertaken by the Licensing Service during the year 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the large increase in the total number of applications processed during the year. The Committee was informed that work on the implementation of the Licensing Act 2005 had dominated the work of the Licensing Act 2006 during the year and that the majority of the rise in applications processed could be attributed to rises in premise and personal licence applications following the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

L4 : GAMBLING COMMISSION RULES TO GOVERN GAMBLING

Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Local Authority will be responsible for licensing gambling premises within Cardiff. The premises will be able to be used by persons who have been granted an operators licence by the Gambling Commission.

The Gambling Commission is the principal advisory body for issues relating to gambling. Part of its role is advising Local Authorities on how to exercise their functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

Members received, for information, a report on the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Code of Practice which set out a raft of provisions including new rules to combat problem gambling.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

L5 : GAMBLING ACT 2005 – CASINO APPLICATIONS

Members received a report outlining recent developments in the Authority's application to establish the regional casino in Cardiff Bay.

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RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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