

LICENSING COMMITTEE

3 NOVEMBER 2015

Present: County Councillor Parry(Chairperson)
County Councillors Boyle, Bridges, Goddard, Kelloway, Murphy,
Phillips and Walsh

9 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Manzoor Ahmed, Morgan and Simmons.

10 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

11 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

12 : REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Committee received a report and were asked to consider commending the amended Statement of Licensing Policy to full Council for approval.

Members were advised that the Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP) is required to be reviewed on a 5-year basis. The Committee at its meeting of 8 September 2015 resolved to approve that the draft SLP for statutory consultation with stakeholders. A number of representations were received during the consultation period. The draft SLP was amended to reflect the views of the consultees. Details of the comments received as a result of the consultation exercise were provided in the report.

RESOLVED – That the Committee commends the amended Statement of Licensing Policy to the Council for its approval prior to its publication.

13 : REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING ACT POLICY

The Committee received a report and Members were asked to consider endorsing the amended Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for approval by full Council.

The Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy is determined for a three-year period. Members were advised that the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy was adopted and published in January 2013 and was therefore due for review. The Gambling Commission has provided guidance to local authorities on the contents of licensing policies. The Gambling Commission guidance was used to inform that review of the existing policy statement.

The Committee was requested to approve the amended Gambling Licensing Policy following its review. Members were advised that the responsible authority and stakeholder organisations were consulted with directly. A public consultation

exercise was also conducted. Details of the responses received were set out in the report.

RESOLVED – That the Committee commends the amended Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for approval by Council.

14 : AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATIONS

Members were advised that as a result of the establishment of the Shared Regulatory Service there was a need to update and consolidate a number of officer authorisations and delegations. It was proposed to delegate the responsibility for authorising officers to administer the requirements of the Licencing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, and the instituting of legal proceedings under those Acts to the Assistant Director, City Operations and to the Head of Shared Regulatory Services.

RESOLVED – That the Committee exercises its delegated authority to authorise the Assistant Director, City Operations and the Head of Shared Regulatory Services to act under, and to authorise officers to administer, the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005 as identified in paragraph 1.3 of the report and to institute any necessary legal proceedings.

The meeting terminated at 11.00am