

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
2018, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor D Andrews (Chairman)
Councillors P Ballam, R Brunton,
Mrs R Cheswright, K Crofton, B Deering,
J Jones, M McMullen, M Stevenson and
N Symonds

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors S Bull, M Casey, I Devonshire,
P Moore, S Reed, P Ruffles and T Stowe

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Aley	- Interim Legal Services Manager
Isabel Brittain	- Head of Strategic Finance and Property
Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Officer
Oliver Rawlings	- Service Manager (Licensing and Enforcement)
Brad Wheeler	- Senior Licensing and Enforcement Officer

161 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Cutting and T Page.

162 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised of the necessity of this extra meeting to consider the report included in the Agenda in respect of the Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005.

163 MINUTES - 14 MARCH 2018

Councillor R Brunton proposed and Councillor J Jones seconded, a motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2018, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

164 LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - 28 MARCH, 21 MAY, 8 JUNE AND 13 JULY 2018

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 28 March, 21 May, 8 June and 13 July 2018, be received.

165 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT
2005

The Head of Housing and Health submitted a report presenting draft revisions to the Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005. The Service Manager (Licensing and Enforcement) advised that the written policy regarding the Council's Statement of Principles was the least used Licensing Policy in place at the Authority.

The Service Manager commented on the potential for serious implications of gambling for residents in East Herts. He referred to gaming machines and lottery registrations which were the high volume applications in East Herts. As a result, the parts of the policy dealing with these areas have been expanded. Members were advised that there had not been any substantive changes in the law or guidance during the life of the previous policy.

Members were reminded that they were free to comment on the draft policy at any point during the 8 week public consultation period. A further report would be submitted to Licensing Committee in November to review and consultation responses and then the document would be recommended to Council in December 2018.

The Service Manager confirmed to Councillor R Brunton that not one occasional use notices had ever been used in East Herts. Councillor R Brunton proposed and Councillor B Deering seconded, a motion that recommendation (A) as now detailed, be

approved. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

Councillor P Ballam proposed and Councillor B Deering seconded, a motion that recommendation (B) as now detailed, be approved. After being put to the meeting and a vote taken, this motion was declared CARRIED.

The Committee approved the recommendations now detailed.

RESOLVED – that (A) 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

(B) Officers report the results to the Licensing Committee meeting on 14 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Chairman
Date