

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor Wright (in the Chair), Councillors Ali, Casey, Gee, S. Hussain, Humphrys, McFall, Mulla, Rehman, Tapp and Vali.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 1 **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Hollings and I. Hussain.

#### 2 **Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2015**

The Committee were updated on the implementation of the proposed penalty scheme and discussions that had taken place with the Executive Member following concerns raised by the Committee.

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

#### 4 **Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5 **Consultation on the Gambling Act 2005- Revision of Statement of Policy.**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Environment and Leisure informing members of the outcome of consultation being undertaken of the revision of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Policy.

The Committee were informed that a number of changes had been made to the operator's licence conditions and codes of practice by the gambling commission and these had been reflected in the review. Consultation had been undertaken on a local and national level to businesses and organisations affected by the review. Residents of the Borough had been consulted through the Council's web site and through Residents Associations. The draft policy including the full proposed changes were published on the Council's web site.

The consultation had finished on the 17<sup>th</sup> November and the responses received were submitted to the Committee for consideration. Dale Allen from the Gambling Commission outlined the requirements placed on Local Authorities and the aspects of the law relating to gambling.

**Resolved-**

1. That the Revised Statement of Policy relating to the Gambling Act 2005 be recommended to the Executive Member for adoption.
2. That Mr Allen be thanked for his informative presentation.

8. **Exclusion of the Press and Public.**

**Resolved-** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in view of the fact that the business transacted was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a Local Government Act 1972.

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committees**

**Resolved –** That the minutes of General Licensing Sub Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 18<sup>th</sup> and the Licencing Act 2003 Sub- Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> October, and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015, be approved as a correct record

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....