

LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE

Thursday 18th May 2006

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Sareva), the Vice-Chair (Councillor Turner), Councillors Armitage, Bance, Brundin, Cook, Goddard, Keen, Royce, Rundle, Sinclair, Williams and Young.

OFFICERS PRESENT: William Reed (Democratic Services Manager) and Tony Payne (Environmental Health Business Unit)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Sareva was elected Chair of the Committee for the Council Year 2006/07.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Councillor Turner was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the Council Year 2006/07.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from the Lord Mayor (Councillor Campbell).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved:-

- (1) to note the contents of the guidance note (previously circulated and now appended) relating to declaring interests at meetings;
- (2) to note a declaration of personal interest by the Chair in the business of the Committee generally as the holder of a Security Industries Association door supervisors' badge.

5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Democratic Services Manager reminded the Committee that at the Annual Council meeting that had preceded this Committee meeting, Council had decided that the Committee be renamed the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee

(formally the Licensing Act 2003 Committee) because certain Gambling Act 2005 matters could now be dealt with by the licensing committee that all licensing authorities were required to establish under the Licensing Act 2003.

Resolved:-

- (1) to note that the Committee was now called the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee;
- (2) to note the contents of the paper (previously circulated and now appended) setting out the Committee's powers and duties and that the following power and duty be added:-

"To perform the authority's functions as Licensing Authority under Section 154 of the Gambling Act 2005 and to determine fees under Section 212 of the Act."

6. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) to appoint as many casework licensing sub-committees to discharge licensing casework under the Licensing Act 2003 as they were combinations of three members in the total number of members of the Committee so that any three members of the Committee constituted a Sub-Committee;
- (2) to agree that the Sub-Committee's powers and duties be as set out in the annex to the report with power and duty 12 being amended as set out in the next following minute.

7. AMUSEMENTS WITH PRIZES (GAMING) MACHINES IN LICENSED PREMISES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) to delegate to the Environmental Health Business Manager the authority to determine applications for permits authorising up to two amusements with prizes gaming machines in licensed premises, and to RECOMMEND Council that the Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution be changed accordingly;

- (2) that power and duty 12 in the Sub-Committee's powers and duties be worded as follows:-

“12. Determination of amusements with prizes gaming machine permits at licensed premises where applications had been received for more than two such machines”

- (3) to note that a hearing into a current application for a permit for more than two amusements with prizes gaming machines at a licensed premises needed to take place.

8. LICENSING HEARINGS - 23RD MAY 2006

Resolved that Councillors Brundin, Goddard and Sareva, with Councillor Turner as standby, constitute the Sub-Committee needed to deal with the following licence applications at hearings commencing at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 23rd May 2006:-

Baby Restaurant, Walton Street (Jericho Ward)
Kassam Stadium (Littlemore Ward)
University Parks (North Ward)

9. DATE OF MEETINGS FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Resolved:-

- (1) to note advice from the Democratic Services Manager that two special meetings of the Committee were needed to deal with certain Gambling Act 2005 matters and that he would consult members on the dates;
- (2) to note that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 7th September 2006;
- (3) to ask the Democratic Services Manager, notwithstanding that Council had agreed a programme of meetings of the Committee for 2006/07, to consult with the members now appointed to the Committee that the dates and start times of the Committee for 2006/07 were convenient for them.

The meeting commenced at approximately 4.10 p.m. and closed at approximately 4.25 p.m.