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Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee

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Place: **Oxford Town Hall**

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Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee

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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No substitutes are allowed and the Quorum is 5 Members.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors serving on the Committee are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any of the following agenda items.

3 UPDATE ON LICENSING AUTHORITY ACTIVITY - SEPTEMBER 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which informs the Committee of the progress made by the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 between September 2012 and December 2012.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To not the report;
- (b) To make any comments and recommendations regarding the future work of the Licensing Function.

4 REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report which details a draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) Consider and confirm the amendments to the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy;
- (b) For the purpose of adopting a new policy confirm that the "No Casino" resolution remains;
- (c) Recommend any further changes;
- (d) Agree the Revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy for consultation (dates to be arranged);
- (e) Authorise the Head of Environmental Development to undertake the required consultation.

5 LICENCE FEES 2013-14

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The Head of Environmental Development has submitted a report the purpose of which is to seek agreement of the licence fees for 2013/14 where the Council has discretion over the level of fee charged.

The Committee is asked:

- (a) To note the licence fees set by statute;
- (b) To agree the licence fees for 2013/14 as set out in this report.

6 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2012

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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¹ Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member’s spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.

