

## **MINUTES OF LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **Present:**

Councillor Mitchell (in the Chair)

Councillors

Brown	Mrs Fowler	Mrs Holt	Price
Collins MBE, JP	Mrs Greenhalgh	Lee	Stansfield
Mrs Delves	Haskett	Mineur	Mrs Taylor

### **In attendance:**

Mrs S Davies, Principal Solicitor- Licensing  
Mr L Beattie, Mrs P Higson and Mr M Marshall, Business Services

### **Also Present:**

Sgt S Salisbury, Lancashire Constabulary

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Price declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 4, Minor Variations, the nature of the interest being that he was the secretary of a club which may wish to take advantage of this policy.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY 2009**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2009, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **3. REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Committee considered a report on the review of statement of policy and principles under the Gambling Act 2005. Mrs Davies explained that the statement of policy and principles had previously been approved in 2007 and a review was required every 3 years. Before the revised document can be adopted, it must be subject to a 12 week public consultation period. Mrs Davies presented a revised document which had been produced taking into account, revisions in the guidance produced by the Gambling Commission.

**Resolved:**

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To note the contents of the draft statement of policy and principles under the Gambling Act 2005 and to authorise a 12-week period of consultation to interested parties with a view to revisiting the item in December 2009 for consideration of the final policy.

### **4. MINOR VARIATIONS**

Mrs Davies provided an update to the Committee on the new minor variations process under the Licensing Act 2003. It was reported that legislative changes, had introduced a simplified process for dealing with minor variations which would have no impact on the four licensing objectives. A key change would be that applications for such variations must be dealt within fifteen days of being received. In order to achieve this deadline, it was therefore proposed that officers be given the power to refuse such minor variations and require a full variation.

#### **Resolved:**

1. To note the legislative changes
2. To recommend to the Executive to recommend to the Council, the amendment to the scheme of delegations in Section 7 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

### **5. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr M Marshall from the Council's Licensing Enforcement team. Mr Marshall outlined the enforcement activities that had been undertaken in the last three months by the team, giving examples of the type of premises visited, action undertaken and levels of compliance.

#### **Resolved:**

That the presentation be noted.

### **6. POLICE UPDATE**

The Committee received an update from Sgt Salisbury on enforcement activities undertaken by Lancashire Constabulary. Sgt Salisbury gave information to the Committee as two on-going campaigns from the Police regarding the introduction of poly-carbonate glassware and on a code of conduct for Under-18 events.

#### **Resolved:**

That the presentation be noted.

**Chairman**

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(The meeting ended at 11:02 am)

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