

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

25TH OCTOBER, 2012

A MEETING of the LICENSING COMMITTEE was held at the MANSION HOUSE, DONCASTER on THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 2012 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor David Nevett
Vice-Chair – Councillor Patricia Bartlett

Councillor Sue McGuinness

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eddie Dobbs, Pat Knight, Kevin Rodgers, Ken Keegan, Linda Curran, Jonathan Woods and Elsie Butler

6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair, Councillor David Nevett extended his thanks to Harold Hudson, Licensing Manager for the contribution he had made over the years to the Licensing Committee.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY:

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

8. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31ST MAY 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 31st May 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 'A' MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH AND 19TH JUNE AND 23RD AUGUST, 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

10. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 'B' MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH AND 27TH JUNE, 11TH JULY AND 3RD AUGUST, 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

11. STATEMENT OF POLICY – GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Committee considered a report containing information relating to the Council's Statement of Policy as required by the Gambling Act 2005. The Statement of Policy was attached as Appendix A of the report.

Paul Williams, Business Safety and Licensing Manager gave a detailed overview of the Statement of Policy and informed Members that The Licensing Authority is required, under the Gambling Act 2005 (The Act) to produce a Statement of Policy and to review the Policy every three years. The reviewed Policy must be effective by 31st January 2013.

The Business Safety and Licensing Manager informed Members that the reviewed Policy contained minor updates to ensure it was relevant to Doncaster in 2013 and beyond. The alterations had arisen out of the review process and consultation with statutory agencies and interested parties. There had been one response from the Racecourse Association. The response was attached as Appendix B to the report and had been taken into consideration in the review of the Statement of Policy.

Following the presentation of the report Members expressed their views and any concerns.

Members were assured that the Policy created a regime of firm but fair regulation which addressed the three licensing objectives set out in The Act, namely:

- Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime.
- Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The Committee note the contents of the reviewed Policy, and
- (2) Members accept and promote the reviewed Gambling Policy to the Cabinet with a view to adoption by full Council in December 2012